**“What Do I Need To Do?”**

Going deeper in Romans 3:21-25a

**READ:** *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.*

**Righteousness Through Faith**

**21**But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. **22**This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference **23**for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24**and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. **25**God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. What is “a righteousness from God”?

2. If you had a minute in an elevator to explain to someone what they need to do to be made right with God, what would you say?

3. What does it mean to be redeemed? How are we redeemed by Christ Jesus?

4. How would you use these verses to speak to someone who thinks that because they lead a good life and follow the rules, they are saved?

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Give sincere thanks for God’s free gift of righteousness through faith in Jesus to all who believe.

\*Continue to pray for those who have not yet received God’s gift of grace and redemption.

\*Ask the Holy Spirit to make clear to you ways in which you may take the high cost of salvation for granted.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

Martin Luther despaired over his inability to do enough to be good enough. The words of Romans 3:21-26 reveled to him that the answer to his question of “what do I need to do?”

was -nothing- because Christ had already done it for him. This changed his life, his path of faith and resulted in changing the path of church history. What is your response to the revelation of Romans 3:21-26? How will you allow the words to change your life? Your path of faith?