Not Guilty

Romans 3:21-31

SERMON NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What would you do if you had a billion dollars that you had to give away?

2. When did you, in a big or small way, experience atonement (at-one-ment) in a strained relationship? What caused the strain? What happened that restored the relationship? Did someone have more ownership in the reconciling actions?

3. Did you ever come to a place in your life when you acutely realized you were a sinner, or ever felt that you were not right with God? Did you try and do something to "get right?"

4. Read Romans 3:22-25. Where does the Christian's righteousness (being right with God) come from? How do we attain such righteousness according to this passage?

5. Even though Christians continue to sin, through Christ we are still accepted and righteous before God. In living an authentic Christian life, how is it different *knowing* you are right before God vs. *not knowing*?

6. Read Galatians 2:20 and 1 John 1:5—2:2. What do these passages tell us about our lives as justified followers of Jesus — forgiven and accepted by God — and how we should live?

7. How does justified through Christ vs. justified through self help us grow closer to God?

8. How did God speak to you through the message?

9. How can we pray for one another?