



The New Way

- Everyone Answer: What were some of the rules of your household growing up that seemed silly to you or didn't make sense to you?
 - Why do you think those rules were enforced if they were silly?
 - Do you understand the rules now as an adult or do they still seem silly?
 - What were the consequences of breaking those rules?
 - Have you adopted any of those rules in your household now as an adult?
 - Were you a rule follower or a rule breaker growing up?
 - Whenever you did break any rules, how did things get made right?
- **Read Romans 3:21-26**
 - Why do you think that God created laws for humanity to follow?
 - One of the purposes of God's law was to model what righteousness looks like. But Paul states here that God's righteousness is now made known apart from the law. How do you think His righteousness is made known now?
 - Paul is teaching us that the law is merely a model of how to live righteously, but it has no power to create righteousness in you once you have broken a law. Given his statement in v.23 do you think humanity can achieve righteousness? Why or why not?
- In his teaching last Sunday, Pastor Nick taught us that when Christ appears in our lives he begins the process of making us blameless. Describe your experience of this process in your own life and in your own words.
 - Whether you are a rule breaker or a rule follower it is impossible for us to follow all of God's laws all the time. What makes it so hard for us to follow God's laws?
 - What is the "glory of God" referred to in v.23?
 - How does Paul spell out how our sinfulness can be made right?
- What is the difference between a wage and a gift?
 - What impact do these definitions have on how you understand this passage?
- Pray