

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

²¹ But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:21-26

1. The major problem with Jewish thought

- a) Many feel that they were “righteous” before God
- b) Because:
 - i) They had Abraham as their father
 - ii) They had the Covenants
 - iii) They had the Law

2. Paul had to carefully put forward the following truths:

- a) That all have sinned
- b) That no one can be justified by the law
- c) The Scriptures have demonstrated that all are sinners

3. The New Line of Thought

- a) The Righteousness of God
- b) This is “apart from the law of God”

c) This is Revealed! Romans 3:21a

d) The Witnesses:

i) The Law

ii) The Prophets Romans 3:21b

3. How this Righteousness is obtained:

a) Through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ

b) To all who come and believe in the Lord Jesus Romans 3:22

c) To both Jew and Gentile. There is no difference Romans 3:22

d) For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God Romans 3:23

4. Justification by the grace of God

a) Justification:

i) Declared righteous by God

ii) Imputed righteousness by the Grace of God

b) Redemption

i) Through the Lord Jesus Christ

ii) We are saved by the Lord

iii) In our salvation we are Justified

5. The work of the Lord Jesus Christ

a) He has propitiated God's wrath and justice

b) He paid for our sins by His blood

6. The Place of Faith

a) We need to believe what the Lord Jesus has done

b) God forbears with reference to all our sins committed

c) We have obtained Righteousness through faith in the Lord Jesus

7. What God does

- a) He is Just
- b) He is the Justifier
- c) He demonstrates His righteousness through giving believers Justification

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To understand the doctrine of Justification

2. To know and experience:

- a) The grace of God
- b) To exercise faith in God
- c) To relate to the Lord Jesus as our Redeemer
- d) To appreciate fully our Justification
 - i) Freed from the guilt of sin
 - ii) Standing justified before God as righteous