

Romans 3:21-26 - Coming under Grace – How is God right when he rescues us?**Criminals Punished**

Proverbs 17:15, “acquitting the guilty and condemning the innocent – the Lord detests them both”.

“Is God’s justice a good thing”

“What about Mercy”

We are in trouble!

Romans 1:16-17, *“I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew and then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a RIGHTEOUSNESS from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written the righteous will live by faith”*

God’s Wonderful Solution

“BUT NOW”

Romans 3:21, *“But now, a righteousness from God, apart from the law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.”*

from God ... through faith ... in Jesus.

...not discovered

...not new

...no one is excluded

... only through Jesus.

Responding with Awe**Confusing terminology**

“Righteousness” (noun) - to be right with God (v 21,22, 25,26).

“Justified” (verb - v24,26) - “righteoused”... “just as if we had never sinned” ... declaring righteous or right with God.

“Just” (Adjective - v26)- “the state of being righteous”.

v26 , “so as to be righteous and the one who righteoused those who have faith in him”

Has God compromised his character?

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So how can God show us sinful people mercy and still maintain his justice?

verse 25 - “God presented his own Son as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood”

“Propitiation” = to turn away wrath.

How does passage apply to us?

Why God could not just forget about our sin?

God who is gracious has made you RIGHTEOUS.

Be blown away

More implications from Romans

You are saved by Faith alone in Jesus Christ alone

There is nothing you need to DO it has already been DONE

You have peace with God

You can know God loves you despite your sinful nature

You have a motivation for Godly living but it is not to earn your spot in heaven

You can have assurance of eternal life

In the face of tough times you can confidently look forward to heaven