

Romans 3:19-26

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Declared Righteous

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Together we spent the first 10 weeks of this series looking ahead to a Savior (the purpose of the Old Testament), and then we spent the last four weeks looking at the Savior, Jesus, in the Gospels. This week, we look at the purpose for which the Promised Messiah came – to give God's righteousness to all who treasure Him!

Being Declared Righteous...

-Is impossible for us to earn (vs.19-21)

-Has Always Been the Point (v.21)

-Is a Gift (vs.22-24)

-Is Received By Faith (v.25)

So that...

-God gets All the Credit (v.26)

Questions for Discussion:

Notes:

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What does it mean?

1. Where have we been thus far in the series?
2. How does being declared righteous by faith fit into the over all scheme of the series?
3. How many people were justified by obeying the law according to Paul in v.20?
4. What does Paul mean by the "righteousness of God" in v.21?
5. What is the relationship, then, between the Law and the Prophets and the righteousness of God?
6. What is propitiation in v.25? How does it help us?
7. How would you summarize Paul's point in Romans 3:19-26?
8. What does it tell us about God's character?

How does it apply?

1. If we are declared righteous by faith, not by works, how should we view our brothers and sisters in Christ?
2. In what ways do we minimize our being declared righteous?
3. How would a fuller understanding of your righteous standing in Christ change the way you live? Relate to others? Feel?