

The Righteousness of God
Rom. 3:21-25a

1. God's righteousness is _____ . (v. 21)

But God, in His grace and love, has made His righteousness _____ to us, and revealed it to us, in the Old Testament and in the New Testament.

If you're going to be made righteous, it will be by _____ action, not by yours.

But if a holy God will give us His righteousness, it is the greatest _____ of them all!

2. God's righteousness is for all sinner who _____ on Christ alone. (vv. 22-23)

When we believe God, when we take Him at His Word and _____ in His promises, God counts that faith as righteousness.

We are all the same, sinners needing a Savior. And salvation is available to _____ without distinction.

Not one of us has any _____ of making it to heaven on our own. We all fall short of God's holy glory.

If the job is to get to heaven based on our own righteousness, we're all going to end up dead in _____.

3. God's righteousness comes through _____ . (vv. 24-25a)

God's holiness and His wrath against sin aren't going to just disappear without _____.

He paid the price of His blood and His life to _____ us, to buy us back, from the wrath of God and the slavery to sin.

Propitiation means a payment or sacrifice that _____.

But as an _____ being, Jesus suffered more than we can comprehend during that time.

Then, as much as it cost Him, He offers our salvation to us as a _____.

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Discussion Questions for the week of Mar. 1, 2020

Getting to Know Me

- What is (was) the name of your favorite pet? Why is that your favorite?

- Name one place you've been before that you'd like to go back to. Why?

Into the Bible

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply?

- Compare Ps. 22:1, 7-8, 14-18 and Is. 53:1-9. Make a list of specific things that these passages predict that the Messiah would suffer and do. How likely do you think it is that anyone other than Jesus in all of history could have fulfilled these prophecies?

- Read Gal. 3:28 and its immediate context. This was one of Paul's most radical statements for the time. Why do you think it was so radical? What other groups might Paul have included in this list if he were writing today?

- The word "propitiation" is only used 4 times in the New Testament (NASB): Rom. 3:25; Heb. 2:17; 1 John 2:2; 4:10. Read each of those verses and write down what each tells us about Christ as our propitiation, or the sacrifice that satisfies.

Application

- Who is the best example of righteousness that you have ever met personally? What did you learn or are you learning from that person? Could that person save him or herself on the basis of works (i.e. could they jump the Grand Canyon)?

- God's wrath and holiness were completely satisfied by Christ's suffering and death. Why do you think some groups, like the Catholics, Mormons, and Jehovah's Witnesses, and other pseudo-Christian groups, claim that we need to do additional works in order to be saved and enter into heaven?