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HOW IS THE 'RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD'  
MANIFEST TO HUMANITY IN THE GOSPEL?

ROMANS 3:21-25

- 1) Justification
- 2) Redemption
- 3) Propitiation of the Sinner



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## EPHESIANS 2:1-8

“And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. **But God**, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;”



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The sinfulness of man is:

- 1) Universal      (all of us, N, S, E, W)
- 2) Absolute      (Every part of our being, inside and out, top/bottom)
- 3) Without Hope

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## EXODUS 17:11

“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar ***to make atonement for your souls***; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement. (Atonement=payment)



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## THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

“Faith is not a leap in the dark. It demands the surest evidence, and finds it in the infallible word of God. Faith is not illogical or unreasonable. What is more reasonable than that the creature should trust his creator.”

William MacDonald



“Something has happened to the doctrine of justification...the faith of Paul and Luther was a revolutionizing thing. It upset the whole life of the individual and made him into another person altogether. It laid hold on the life and brought it unto obedience to Christ. It took up its cross and followed along after Jesus with no intention of going back. It said good-bye to its old friends as certainly as Elijah when he stepped into the fiery chariot and went away in the whirlwind. It had a finality about it. It snapped shut on a man’s heart like a trap; it captured the man and made him from that moment forward a happy love-servant of his Lord.”

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## JUSTIFICATION

- Means “Declared righteous”
- Legal term. Forensic term.
- Means you have been acquitted of all sin
- Pronounced and treated as righteous by God
- In “Justification” God imputes the perfect righteousness of Christ to the believers account.
- We are declared righteous—though in and of ourselves we are not—we have Jesus righteousness credited to us—by Grace through faith IN Him.



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## PROPITIATION (v. 25)

- Propitiation is a payment.
- It is an offering that turns away the wrath of God.
- Jesus paid the penalty of my sin—every one.



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## REDEEMED (v. 24)

- Means to buy back.
- We WERE enslaved to sin, God in Christ bought us back.
- Set us free.
- So that we can be His child.





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# IN CHRIST THE BELIEVER IS:

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- 1) Justified—declared righteous
- 2) Redeemed—bought back from sin
- 3) Propitiation—Our penalty to God is paid.

*“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”* 2 Cor. 5:21

The perfect righteousness of God  
Is witnessed in the Savior's blood;  
'Tis in the cross of Christ we trace  
His righteousness, yet wondrous grace.

God could not pass the sinner by,  
His sin demands that he must die;  
But in the cross of Christ we see  
How God can save, yet righteous be.

The sin is on the Savior laid,  
'Tis in His blood sin's debt is paid;  
Stern justice can demand no more,  
And mercy can dispense her store.

The sinner who believes is free,  
Can say, "The Savior died for me"  
Can point of the atoning blood,  
And say, "That made my peace with God."

*Albert Midlane*

