

Sermon Outline

Romans Series, Part 3: The Righteousness of God (3:19-26)

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Main Idea: In part 2 of our Romans series, Paul reveals to us the good news regarding salvation in Christ. Though the world is in sin and the wrath of God is being revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness, “the righteousness of God has been manifested...through faith in Jesus Christ.

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1. We Have a Problem (v19-20)
2. God Also Has a Problem (v21-26)
3. What is the Righteousness of God?
 - I. An Attribute: God is righteous
 - II. An Action: Not only is God right, what he does is right
 - III. A Gift Bestowed: Grace through faith in Jesus Christ

Key Text/Quotes:

“Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise. The whole of Scripture took on a new meaning, and whereas before the ‘justice of God’ had filled me with hate, now it became to me inexpressibly sweet in greater love. This passage of Paul became to me a gate to heaven.” Martin Luther (upon realizing the gift of Christ’s righteousness by faith revealed in Galatians 3:11)

Fellowship Starters:

1. Read Romans 3:9-26 and open in prayer.
2. Discuss “the Problem” that Paul describes in Romans 3:9-20. What is its significance? Is there anything that we (mankind) can do about it?
3. In his illustration about the speeding driver getting pulled over, Robin illustrated our natural tendency to desire wrath and punishment on others and mercy on ourselves. Why is this and what does it reveal?
4. Martin Luther sought to make himself right with God by living righteously before God. What did this lead to in his own life? Discuss any ways that we might functionally live like Luther before he came to faith and how that likely leads to the same type of fruit—depression, anxiety, hopelessness.
5. Read the famous slogan from the Reformation above and discuss how a daily meditating on the great truths of the Gospel should shape our lives and bring daily joy, hope and peace to our souls.
6. Close in prayer for one another.

