

Romans Refresh

Renewing Gospel-Centrality

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²¹ But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; ²⁵ whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith for the demonstration His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ for the demonstration, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

(Romans 3:21-26)

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Exposition of the Gospel (1:16-11:36)

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1. Theme-Thesis Statement (1:16-17)

- the gospel reveals the saving “righteousness of God”

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- every person is held captive to sin’s power under God’s righteousness judgment—God is justified!

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God’s Righteousness in Christ

- The righteousness of God is a saving righteousness *given* through faith in Jesus Christ
- This results in the “justification” (vindication) of the unrighteous through faith

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"kapporet" – atonement cover ("mercy seat")

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- Christ's death is the ransom that effects our release from the penalty and power of sin
- Christ's substitutionary death was the execution of God's just wrath against us

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God's Righteousness in Christ

2. The Demonstration of God's Righteousness

- the purpose of Christ's death is the vindication of God in His saving judgment
- the cross demonstrates God's righteousness so that He might come to be just AND the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus

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God justifies the ungodly
by grace alone
through faith alone
in Christ alone
to God's glory alone

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