

Rom. 3:21-26 Teaching Outline

- I. In contrast to wrath deserved, righteousness has been revealed, to be received by faith. (21-22a)
 - A. Righteousness of God has been revealed (21)
 - 1. Righteousness has been revealed apart from law (21a)
 - 2. Even though the law and prophets testify to it (21b)
 - B. Explanation/Elaboration of this righteousness of God (22a)
 - 1. It is my means of faith in Christ
 - 2. With reference to everyone who believes
- II. In line with the equal deservedness of wrath, the righteousness of God is revealed in the same way to all who believe, which is faith in God's just provision of the propitiation through Jesus. (22b-26)
 - A. There is no distinction (22b)
 - B. Because just like everybody is the same in being wrong with God, so everyone who is made right with God is made right through God's right dealing with sin in the propitiation of Christ. (23-26)
 - 1. Negatively – Everyone is anti-God (23)
 - a. All have sinned (23a)
 - b. All are falling short of the glory of God (23b)
 - 2. Positively – Everyone being justified is justified freely, graciously by God's satisfaction of all righteousness (24-26)
 - a. Those who are justified are justified freely by grace through Christ (24)
 - 1) Being justified
 - 2) Freely, by His grace
 - 3) Through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus
 - b. Explanation – God satisfied all righteousness by the propitiation of Christ (25a-26a)
 - 1) God presented Christ as a propitiation to satisfy and display His righteousness (25a)
 - a) God presented Him publicly as a propitiation through faith in His blood (25a)
 - b) Purpose – to display the totality/completeness/comprehensiveness of His righteousness (25b-26a)
 - (1) To demonstrate His righteousness – re: past sins (25b)
 - (a) To demonstrate His righteousness
 - (b) Because of the passing over of sins
 - (i) Passing over of sins committed beforehand
 - (ii) Passing over of sins in His forbearance
 - (2) To demonstrate His righteousness – re: present justifications (26a)