

The Forgiving Gospel – Not Guilty!
Romans 3:21-31

- I. What Hope Is There For Broken Humanity? (21-24)
 - A. Apart from the Law – the righteousness of God is manifest!
 - B. It is an alien righteousness – a righteousness given as a gift
 - C. All have sinned – all need to be justified
- II. How Has This Hope Come About? (25-26)
 - A. Through the public display of Jesus as a wrath bearing sacrifice for sin (propitiation)
 - B. Resurrection is always associated (even if it is just implied) with the death of Jesus
 - C. This shows God’s patience
 - D. This shows God’s character (just and justifier)
- III. How Do We Respond To This Great Hope? (27-28)
 - A. Where is the boasting? Not to be found!
 - B. We trust the work of another – not our own work.
- IV. How Extensive Is This Hope? (29-31)
 - A. Is this great hope of deliverance only for a certain group of people? For only the “previously religious?” For only those with special knowledge and privileged advantages? NO!
 - B. Circumcised and uncircumcised are justified by faith – not works
 - C. Faith does not make the Law nothing – it fulfills the Law