

## **Bible Study — Romans 3:21-26**

### **I. Introduction**

- A. Romans 3:9-20 is God's "Divine Courtroom Scene"
- B. The "Bad News" is that NO ONE is righteous before God
- C. BUT, the Gospel is the *Revelation of the Righteousness of God*
- D. **Romans 3:21-26** — Shows us **God's Righteousness in the Death of Jesus**

### **II. The Righteousness of God Revealed in the Gospel (Romans 3:21-26)**

- A. The Righteousness of God *Manifested Apart from the Law* — **Romans 3:21**
  - 1. "Has been Manifested"
  - 2. "Bears Witness"
- B. The Righteousness of God *Through Faith in Jesus Christ* — **Romans 3:22**
  - 1. "Through faith in Jesus Christ" (διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ)
    - a) "Faith **IN** Christ"
    - b) "Faith(fulness) **OF** Christ"
  - 2. "Through faith in Christ" contrasted with "by works of the law"
- C. There is NO DISTINCTION
  - 1. All are Guilty — **Romans 3:23**
  - 2. All are Justified by Grace — **Romans 3:24**
- D. Jesus Christ: Our Substitute & Our Satisfaction — **Romans 3:25**
  - 1. "Are *Justified*" = "To Justify, to declare righteous"
  - 2. Debate between Protestants & Roman Catholics
  - 3. Double Imputation
  - 4. "Propitiation" = "To turn away, to appease"
- E. The Righteousness of God *Demonstrated* — **Romans 3:26**
  - 1. Divine Forbearance
  - 2. "Just and the Justifier"

### **III. Conclusion**