

# ROMANS STUDY

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.  
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

## Romans 3:21-26

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## Today's Your Day – Part 2

The Gospel of Grace, The Foundation of New Testament Theology  
According to Grace By The Argumentation of the Apostle Paul

### SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Grace, Faith, Works, Paul, Law, The Spiritual vs. The Carnal,**

### Romans 3:21-26

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets. 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the Justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

I never thought the words “shut up” could be sanctified,  
But I learned differently this week.

At the end of this last week – I did a funeral here.

A beautiful 39 year old mother of three suddenly went to Jesus.  
As her dad shared from this podium about her life, he shared those simple things that made her life and love matter – *it's always the simple things!*  
“Their bedtime would always turn into – ‘Who would get the last word in.’

“I love you” dad would say. “I love you more” Tasse would answer. Not to be outdone - dad insisted. “I love you more more.” “No” she would say; “I love you more more more.” But then – dad pulling rank on her said - - I love you more, more, more, more, now shut up and close your eyes and go to sleep.”

The Lord says to us – I love you more – shut up and rest in My Love.

Jeremiah 31:3

The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

## But We Were Introduced to What We Called "God's Impossible Problem.

How does a Holy Just God, Let the Guilty Go Free after He has Already Declared that The Wicked must Die for Their Own Sin. The Ungodly must be punished for God to be God. If the wicked are not punished – then the God of the Bible is both weak and a liar. – unless....

Numbers 14:18

"The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation."

Professor Charles Cranfield

"God, because in His mercy He willed to forgive sinful man, and being truly merciful, willed to forgive them righteously, that is without - in any way condoning their sin, purposed to direct against Himself - in the person of His Son Jesus Christ, the full weight of His righteous wrath which we sinners deserved."

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2 Corinthians 6:1-2

We then, as workers together with Christ also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

## Today's Your Day

1.) Because of what you're hearing

vs. 21-23

### Today's Your Day Because Of What You're Hearing

1a.) Do you hear the freedom of God?

vs. 21-22a

## Verse 21-22a

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets. 22 even the righteousness of God,

### **Today's Your Day Because Of What You're Hearing**

1b.) Do you hear the heart of God?

vs. 22b

## Verse 22b

through faith in Jesus Christ,  
to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;

1c.) Do you hear the honesty of God?

vs. 23

## Verse 23

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

### **Today's Your Day**

2.) Because of what you're learning

vs. 24-25a

24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness,

### **Today's Your Day Because Of What You're Learning**

2a.) Learn that there's a recreation from God

vs. 24

## Verse 24

24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

This "Being justified freely" is a difficult thing to grasp.  
Because for something to be free means someone  
else had to pay for it.

Whenever someone is forgiven – the one that has been sinned against is  
the only one who pays the price for forgiveness.

## Verse 25

25a whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood,

Regarding This Verse;

John Calvin wrote, "There is not probably in the whole of the Bible a passage which sets forth more profoundly the righteousness of God in Christ "

This is a remarkable, and an almost impossible thing to imagine for the Jewish mind (we gentiles fail as well) and that is; the connotation here, the imagery is that of the mercy seat that was the lid to the Ark of the Covenant in the temple. It was hidden from view except once a year – the high priest entered in to make atonement for the sins of the nation of Israel.

**propitiation**

grk: hilasterion

the appointed person, place or thing that makes atonement, the person (sacrifice) the place (lid of the Ark) and the thing being the seat or thing of mercy or mercy-seat.

Exodus 26:31-34 NIV

"Make a veil of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen, with cherubim woven into it by a skilled worker. 32 Hang it with gold hooks on four posts of acacia wood overlaid with gold standing on four silver bases. 33 Hang the veil from the clasps and place the Ark of the Covenant behind the veil. The veil will separate the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place. 34 Put the Mercy Seat (atonement cover) on the Ark of the covenant in the Most Holy Place.

(According to the writings of Flavus Josephus, the first century Jewish historian – the Veil was 60 feet high, 20 feet wide. Reports regarding the Veil thickness varies from as thin as 4" to as thick as 6".)

Matthew 27:50-51

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. :51  
Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom;

This verse is saying that "God took the mercy seat that was hidden and made it public, made it available, made it approachable by "Setting Forth" His Son Jesus Christ as the offering for our sins.

**Today's Your Day**  
**Because Of What You're Learning**

2c.) Learn that there's a publicity with God

vs. 25b

## Verse 25b

25b through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness,

**Demonstrate**      grk: endeixis  
to point out, to stand and signal to, to display the route or  
the answer or the remedy

John 18:20

Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing.

Demonstrate

John 5:36-40

But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish - the very works that I do - bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. 37 And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. 38 But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. 39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

Colossians 2:14-15

Having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

What Jesus did for us He did publicly at the cross, on the cross.  
There was no back room deal, no negotiations. There was no gathering of  
minds or Cardinals, No G10, Bill Gates or Rothchild's.

Hebrew 10:19-22

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 LET US DRAW NEAR with a true heart in full assurance of faith,

Dear church I cannot stress to you enough what is meant here  
and the magnitude of this doctrine called soteriology  
that is being put forth here.

It means for those of us who – (1) are followers of Jesus, - (2) who live to  
obey him, and (3) desire to glorify him in these bodies of ours,

(1) That there is an entrance that is anything but small. (2) That there is an  
entrance that is anything but casual. (3) That there is an entrance that is  
anything but precarious or insecure. The Bible demands that you  
understand this – IT IS ABSOLUTELY GRAND what He  
has purchased for you.

2 Peter 1:10-11

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do  
these things, you will never stumble; 11 for so an ENTRANCE WILL BE SUPPLIED TO YOU  
ABUNDANTLY into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## Today's Your Day

3.) Because of what you're deciding today

vs. 25b-26

3a.) Have you decided to think again about God?

vs. 25b-26a

### Verse 25b

25b because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

Forbearance // Passed Over

### Verse 26a

26a to demonstrate at the present time (now, today, in the moment) His righteousness,

## The Present Time

From the human perspective, in His human form, Jesus Christ incarnate  
achieved eternal life through sheer merit by His obedience to the Father. He is  
the only Man who ever deserved eternal life simply by the way He lived. Jesus  
Christ is the radical righteousness of God revealed.

He is the Living Word made flesh.

Dr. R. Kent Hughes

1 Corinthians 1:30

But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God -  
and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Righteousness = He gives it. Sanctification = He does it.  
Redemption = He finishes It

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has  
begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

**Today's Your Day  
Because Of What You're Learning Today**

3b.) Have you decided to make it all about Jesus?

vs. 26b

Verse 26b

that HE MIGHT BE Just and (be) the Justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

So, when Adam and Eve were found (covered their own  
righteousness = fig leaves) to be naked because of their  
disobedience. **What did the righteous holy and perfect God do  
about that? –**

Genesis 3:15-21

New Living Translation

And I will cause hostility between you Satan and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." 16 Then the Lord said to the woman, "I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you." 17 And to the man He said, "Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it 18 It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains. 19 By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return." 20 Then the man - Adam - named his wife Eve, because she would be the mother of all who will live. 21 And the LORD God (1) made clothing (2) from animal skins (3) for Adam and his wife.

**Where Animal? What Animal? When Animal?**

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*End of Study*

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