

## **Romans: Gospel of Paul**

### **Lesson 8: Lesson Chapter 3:21-31**

#### Beginning of the Section of Salvation: "Imputation of God's righteousness"

What is it to Impute someone? Definition: to attribute or ascribe (righteousness, guilt, etc) to someone by virtue of similar quality in another.

eg: "Christ righteousness has been imputed to us."

He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Holman Bible 2 Cor 3:21

So then what is Righteousness? Definition: acting in accord with divine or moral law: free from guilt or sin

So the next question you may ask is what is sin? Sin is missing the mark

So if God the father made Jesus, the One, who did not know sin to be sin for us, that means Jesus became a propitiation by His blood to be crucified on the Cross.

So then what is propitiation? Defined in Latin "Propitiare": to appease, from propitius, "gracious" is the act of appeasing or atoning, to placate or satisfying the wrath of God, thus incurring divine favor and avoiding divine retribution.

#### I. Imputation of God's righteousness: (3:21-26)

##### A. Through Christ (21-24)

1. Apart from the Law and Prophets: Torah (Pentateuch) and the Prophets (21)
  - a) first 5 books
    - (1) Genesis "origin" (Hebrew: In the beginning)
    - (2) Exodus "going out" (Hebrew: Names)
    - (3) Leviticus "relating to the Levites" (Hebrew: And he called)
    - (4) Numbers "numbering of the Israelites" (Hebrew: In the desert)
    - (5) Deuteronomy "second law" (Hebrew "Words)
  - b) Book of Prophets
2. His Faithfulness (22)
  - a) Through faith in Jesus Christ to all
  - b) on all who believe
3. To All Men (23)
  - a) All have sinned and fall short
  - b) Only Christ is capable to overcome sin

4. By Grace: Unmerited Favor (24)
  - a) Ephesian 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God
  - b) Describe gift of God as Unmerited Favor
  - c) through the redemption that is in Jesus

B. Without Compromising His Justice (3:25-26)

1. Christ Satisfies God's Wrath Against Sin: Describe YOM KIPPUR (25)
  - a) Propitiation by His blood
  - b) Demonstrate His righteousness
  - c) He is the only one who can bear sin as God placed all the sinful blame on Jesus: true sacrifice. The sacrificial LAMB
2. God's Justice and Justification (26)
  - a) to demonstrate at the PRESENT TIME (today and always today) His righteousness
  - b) Jesus is Just (advocate)
  - c) Justifier (advocating) of whomever having faith in Jesus

II. The Role of Boasting, Faith, and the Law (3:27-31)

A. Boasting: It is Excluded (27-28)

1. Attitude of "I can't do that anymore!"
2. Bragging when you can fulfill a commandment

B. Faith: All are Justified by Faith (29-30)

1. Attitude of "I don't have to do that anymore!"
2. Faith in Christ allows the Holy Spirit to mature you to lose desires of sin
3. Justify the circumcised BY faith: JEWS who are in Faith
4. Justify the uncircumcised THROUGH faith: GENTILES who are in Faith

C. The Law: Faith Upholds the Law (31)

1. Law is Fulfilled through Faith
2. Jesus is the fulfillment of the LAW
  - a) Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5:17-19
  - b) Describe the Sermon of the Mount
    - (1) Read 5:24-27