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Text: Romans 3:21-26

Title: How You Can Be Righteous

Outline:

I. Righteousness is from God ----- vs. 21-22

1. There is evidence of it in the O.T.

* The Law – The Torah reflects God’s expectation for His people. It is a model for righteous behavior.

* The Prophets – The O.T. preachers instructed Israel on how they were to live for God, and warned them of the very real consequences.

2. There is opportunity for it without the O.T.

1 With faith

“by faith of Jesus Christ” – trust in Jesus bypasses the demonstration of righteousness from the O.T. The reason is because Christ is righteous.

2 Without discrimination

“unto all and upon all them that believe” – (the next phrase and verse clarify)

II. Righteousness is through justification --- vs. 23-26

“justified” – deemed right or just

1. In Christ who redeems “redemption”- to buy with a ransom

2. In Christ who propitiates “propitiation” – atonement (the initial act of sprinkling the mercy seat, and then eventually of cleansing)

1 Resulting from faith in His blood

* Note * Christ has paid the price. Your faith in that act brings atonement, justification, and righteousness.

2 Demonstrating His own righteousness

* Note * Christ proves His own righteousness by doing for us what we cannot do.

3. In Christ who justifies

Conclusion:

Are you righteous through Christ Jesus?