

“The Justification of Grace”

“It is Finished” Part 1

Romans 3:21-26

March 7, 2010

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“justified” [δικαιούμενοι] (vs. 24); “just” [δικαιος] (vs. 26)

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... by telling us no one is righteous

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (vs. 23)

... by answering, “Is God righteous?”

“... in his forbearance God had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished.” (vs. 25)

Justification = “just as if I’d never sinned” ...

... through the offering of God’s grace ...

“... all ... are justified freely by His grace ... (vs. 24)

... and the problem of God’s holiness

“... in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished ...” (vs. 25)

Propitiation = “to appease anger”

“God presented [Jesus] as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in His blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice ...” (vs. 25)

... and God’s wrath

... and God’s sacrifice of Jesus

All this matters because it means ...

... God does not condone our sin

“He did this to demonstrate his justice ...” (vs. 24).

... God is justified in giving grace

“... so as to be just and the one who justifies” (vs. 25)

... we can come confidently to Jesus

“But now a righteousness from God ... has been made known. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

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