

Get Right or Get Left
The Road to Redemption

Romans 3:19-26

19 Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; 20 because ***by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight***; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin. 21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; 26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

How can a man be in the right before God? (Job 9:2)

If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? (Ps. 130:3)

All our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; (Isaiah 64:6)

Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? (Romans 7:24)

- I. God has revealed the **requirement** of righteousness. (21-22)

But now apart from the Law ***the righteousness of God has been manifested,***

1. Righteousness is required by the **Law**. (21)

But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, ***being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,***

2. Righteousness is required by the **Lawgiver**. (22)

“...Even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;”

3. Righteousness is required by the **lawbreaker**. (23)

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

- II. God has revealed the **remedy** of unrighteousness. (24-26)

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

1. We are redeemed by the **gift** of His grace. (24)

[We have been] justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

2. We have been redeemed by His **blood** through faith. (25)

“Whom ***God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood*** through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;

3. We have been **justified** by the Just One. (26)

“...for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, ***so that He would be just and the justifier*** of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Final slide:

“The **wisdom of God** devised a way
for the **love of God** to deliver sinners
from the **wrath of God** while not
compromising the **righteousness of God.**”

John Piper