

## Romans 3:21-26 – Righteousness for the Unrighteous

### I. Introduction

### II. God's saving righteousness has been revealed through the cross of Christ (v. 21).

- A. God's saving righteousness has been revealed apart from the law (v. 21a).
- B. The Old Testament Scriptures bear witness to God's saving righteousness (vv. 21b).

### III. God's saving righteousness is available to all through faith in Jesus Christ (vv. 22-23).

- A. God's saving righteousness is received through faith in Jesus Christ (v. 22a).
- B. God's saving righteousness is given to all who believe in Jesus Christ (vv. 22b-23).

### IV. God's saving righteousness puts those who believe in a right standing with Him (v. 24a).

- A. Justification is an act of God's grace.
- B. Justification addresses your legal status before God.
- C. In justification God pardons your sin.
- D. In justification God credits the righteousness of Christ to you.
- E. In justification God declares you righteous in his sight.

### V. God's saving righteousness is grounded in the work of Christ (vv. 24b-25a).

- A. Justification is based on the redemption accomplished by Christ (v. 24b).
- B. Redemption was accomplished through propitiation (v. 25a).

### VI. The cross of Christ vindicates God's righteousness (vv. 25b-26).

- A. The cross vindicates God's righteousness in the way he dealt with sin prior to the coming of Christ (v. 25b).
- B. The cross vindicates God's righteousness in justifying those who believe in Christ (v. 26).

### VII. Conclusion