

Good News: Life from Death

Romans 3:21-26

We can ALL receive the greatest gift ever: God's Righteousness.

God is right to judge every person by his law and we all sin.

God's law reflected his Righteous nature, and his moral standards reflects his character.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, God's righteousness has been revealed—attested by the Law and the Prophets[Ⓜ] ²²—that is, God's righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ,[Ⓜ] to all who believe, since there is no distinction. ²³ For all have sinned and fall short of the[Ⓜ] glory of God.

Mankind's Situation is bad news, but God's Solution is GOOD News!

1) God has declared you NOT guilty.

- a) He takes you from being a criminal to becoming a citizen
- b) You now have a RIGHT standing with God
- c) When given this Righteousness, you are also given regeneration.

2) God has Bought your Freedom.

- a) God has purchased your freedom with his son's life

Exodus 15:13 You will lead the people

You have redeemed, with Your faithful love;

You will guide them to Your holy dwelling with Your strength.

- b) Sin holds us captive, but Christ is our rescue-ransom

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life—a ransom for many.

- c) You now work for a GOOD master.

3) God has Sacrificed for Mercy.

- a) A loving God MUST do something about Evil
- b) God's wrath is reserved for the wicked, But Jesus absorbed that for us.
- c) Jesus was the perfect lamb, atoning for ALL our sins
- d) God found a way to forgive us without compromising who he is.
- e) Forgiveness without consequences would mean that evil is inconsequential.