

**Romans 3:21-26**  
**For the week of November 6, 22**

**Reflection**

1. What were some of the takeaways, for you, from Sunday's sermon?

2. Were there questions, comments, concerns...?

**In a very important passage Paul deals with the process of justification. He reiterates his point that all are sinners and goes on to show how the death of Christ copes with that sin, so that all who come in faith are righteous before God. He takes up in a different way the thought of 1:17, where he had emphasized the meaning of the gospel for sinners. Now that he has demonstrated that all people are sinners, he goes back to the content of the gospel.<sup>1</sup>**

**In what is possibly the most important single paragraph ever written, Paul brings out something of the grandeur of Christ's saving work. He speaks of the righteousness of God, the sin of man, and the salvation of Christ. He views this salvation in three ways: as justification (imagery from the law court), as redemption (imagery from the slave market), and as propitiation (imagery from the averting of wrath).<sup>2</sup>**

**Observation** (vs. 21-22)

3. Summarize these verses.

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<sup>1</sup> Leon Morris, [\*The Epistle to the Romans\*](#), The Pillar New Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI; Leicester, England: W.B. Eerdmans; Inter-Varsity Press, 1988), 172.

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### **Application**

Were it not for our sin there would have been no need for Christ's redemptive activity; because of our sin there is no possibility of our achieving salvation by our own efforts. This is "the point of departure for the whole redemptive work of God. No one has anything to offer which could elicit the love of God" (Nygren).<sup>1124</sup>

10. How does this statement apply to you?

### **Observation** (vs. 24-26)

11. Summarize these verses.

### **Interpretation**

12. What are the three images/metaphors Paul uses and what do they mean?

### **Application**

13. What is your response to God's gospel?

### **Equipping**

14. Have you heard of the Romans Road? What is it? What verses are involved?

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