

Sermon Guide



"Gospel Sunday" **August 7th, 2022**

"²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe."

Romans 3:21-26

1. **Greg said that the God of the Bible is not just a "one attribute God" (He is not only love, He is not just wrathful, etc.).** What attributes of God do you tend to emphasize, and which do you overlook? Why?
2. **The word "justified" in Romans 3:24 means "made perfect forever."** Greg says that "you can rest all the fears of your sinful heart on" the reality of this justification. Reflect on your security in Christ. This past week, to what degree have you embraced the reality that you are "made perfect forever"? Explain.
3. **If God lets sinners into heaven without justice being done, He is unjust.** We live in a culture that diminishes and misunderstands the perfect nature of God's justice. In what ways do you see that diminishment of justice take place in the world around you? What about your own life?
4. **Greg said that "a propitiation is an offering that doesn't only pay for the sin. It's an offering that makes everything ok."** Are there any areas of your life that you still feel aren't "ok" between you and God?
5. **We often talk about taking your next step of faith with Jesus.** As you reflect on this week's teaching, what is the next step of faith you'll commit to? Perhaps you felt convicted when Greg talked about the witness of the early church; maybe you commit to praying for a boldness to share the gospel. Or maybe you fear losing the free gift you received at salvation and can lay those fears down.

Prayer Prompt: Each of us struggles to receive and experience the full realities of the Gospel. Whether we feel it's true or not, we are justified. Yet, we struggle to remember this at times. Earlier, you shared areas that you have not fully taken hold of the great gift of salvation God has given you. Maybe you don't feel forgiven. Pray for one another. Comfort one another. Rejoice in the riches of salvation. If you have sin you want to confess, know you are already justified; also know that James 5:16 promises us that confessing our sins helps us experience healing from the wounding of sin. If you aren't comfortable sharing in large group, consider pulling someone aside after group.