



Sermon Discussion Guide

September 28, 2025 | Romans 3:21-31 | Jerrod

SUMMARY

Big Idea: Sinful People Can Be Made Right with God through the Redemptive Work of Christ
Our passage is a “hinge” passage, where Paul makes a sharp turn signaled by the words, “But now..”
Since 1:18, Paul laid out the revelation of sin and due wrath. But now, he picks back up his main point of 1:16-17, the revelation of God’s righteousness in the gospel. The good news? Our right standing and acceptance by God, God has worked in Christ to offer it to us freely, as a gift, to be received by faith. The “how” of God’s salvation can be articulated in three key words that link together: Justification, Redemption, Propitiation.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Intro:

1. Which do you prefer: receiving gifts or giving gifts? Why?
 - a. Has your preference changed over the years? Why?

Read Romans 3:21-26

2. When did you clearly see for the first time that your greatest need in life was God’s righteousness?
3. Do you lean toward being more of a “law” kind of person, or a “grace” kind of person?
 - a. Does your answer shift depending on context or who you are relating to? (self, kids, other?) Why or Why not?
 - b. Is there a danger in being all one and not the other?
 - c. How do our relationships with others tend to reflect how we are relating to God, or how we think God is relating to us?
4. If you had 1 minute in an elevator to explain how anyone can be made right with God, what would you say?
 - a. How do the words (at least the meaning of the words) Justification, Redemption, Propitiation, help provide categories and concepts to sharpen your explanation?

Read Romans 3:27-31

5. What immediate implications of the gospel does Paul clarify here?
 - a. What would it look like to boast in anything other than Christ?
 - b. What steps can you take to grow in your boasting only in Christ?

KINGDOM IMPACT - MULTIPLY

1. **Pray, Think, and Act.** Share any developments and updates in the areas below:
 - a. **Reach** – That God would use you to lead 1 person to faith in Christ;
 - b. **Belong** – to multiply opportunities for others to be brought into community
 - c. **Serve** – to begin serving, invite others into serving, or multiplying serving efforts by meeting needs or blessing neighbors or ministry partners together as a group
 - d. **Gather** – to multiply the church (planting, revitalization, helping other churches)