

## XII. How Christ Died for God

## A. God's Righteousness Revealed - vs 25b-26

## 1. The Contrast between God and gods

## a. God is Righteousness / Justification

i. same Greek root word

ii. basic meaning relates to what is just and right

## b. Pagan gods

i. made in the likeness of men with the same moral deficiencies and frailties

ii. Only difference is their presumed power

iii. Greek and Roman gods were

- always competing with one another, jealous of each other and of humans

- demonstrated unusual intelligence, skill, and power

- some expected high moral standards, but were grossly immoral

## 2. How could God allow an innocent one to suffer for the guilty?

a. He not only allowed it, but Planned it before the foundation of the world - Isa 53:5; Da 9:26; Ac 3:17-18; Re 13:8

## b. The Demonstration of God's Righteousness

i. forbearance of passed over past sins - vs 25

- *anoche* - self-restraint, tolerance, **forbearance**.

-He was not unaware nor does He condone the smallest sin

-shows His patient and loving grace - 2 Pe 3:9

- *paresis* - praetermission (omission), **toleration**, remission. - Ac 13:38-39; 17:30; Heb 9:15

-He provided one to take the punishment - Ps 78:38-39

-even for those who would crucify His own Son of which we all share the guilt - Heb 6:6

ii. To justify the guilty w/o breaking His righteous rules - vs 26

- at the present time

-general revelation - Ro 1:20

-the ultimate revelation - the incarnation, death, and resurrection of Christ

- that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

-written w/o understanding - Ps 85:10

-problem with salvation - getting a Holy God to accept sinful man w/o violating His Justice

## B. God's Grace Exalted - vs 27-28

## 1. Man's complete inability to come to God

a. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. - Ro 2:17,23

i. the power of salvation is in the cross

ii. God's choice as opposed to man's credit - 1 Co 1:26-29

b. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. - Ro 4:2; Eph 2:9

## 2. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

- Ac 13:38-39; Ro 3:20-22; 8:3; Ga 2:16

## a. What doesn't prove saving faith

i. Visible morality - Mt 19:16-22 - the rich young ruler

ii. Intellectual knowledge - Ro 2:17,23-24 - the Jews

iii. Religious Involvement - the foolish virgins - Mt 25:1-13

iv. Active Ministry - "Lord, Lord" - Mt 7:21-23

v. Conviction of Sin - demon possessed, freed, and then - Mt 12:43-45

- vi. Assurance of Salvation - Mt 7:21-23; Jas 1:22
- vii. The experience of past decisions for Christ - salvation is not an event
- b. What does prove saving faith
  - i. Love for God
    - natural man - enmity against God - Ro 8:7
    - Whom have I in Heaven but thee - Ps 73:25
  - ii. Repentance and Hatred of Sin
    - impossible to serve two masters - Mt 6:24
    - Confession and forsaking - Pro 28:13; 51; 2 Co 7:9; 1 Jo 1:8-9
  - iii. Genuine Humility - denying self and taking up his cross - Mt 16:24
  - iv. Devotion to God's Glory - life or death - Phi; 1:20
  - v. Prayer - Abba Father - Ga 4:6
  - vi. Selfless Love - for the brethren - 1 Jo 2:9-10; 3:14; 4:7-8
  - vii. Separation from the world - 1 Co 2:12; 1 Jo 2:15-16; 5:4-5
  - viii. Spiritual Growth - parable of the soils - 30/60/100 fold - Mt 13:23
  - ix. Obedient Living - Eph 2:10; 1 Jo 2:3-5

#### C. The God of All - vs 29-30

- 1. Only One God – fundamental truth of Judaism
  - a. The Great Shema – De 6:4
  - b. Isaiah's declaration against idolatry – Is 40-45 - 14 times – I am the Lord
- 2. Instead of understanding that they belonged to God,
  - a. they acted as though God belonged to them
  - b. even though from their own Scriptures, they knew that Gentiles had found favor with Him
- 3. Answering the question - Ro 10:12-13; Ga 3:8, 28
  - a. Or is He the God of the Jews only?
    - i. Is He not also the God of the Gentiles?
    - ii. Yes, of the Gentiles also,
  - b. since there is one God who will
    - i. justify the circumcised by faith
    - ii. and the uncircumcised through faith.
    - iii. Some want to get hung up on prepositions “by” “through” – Eph 2:8 by grace for Gentiles

#### D. God's Law Confirmed - vs 31

- 1. Do we then make void the law through faith?
  - a. Certainly not! – 3:4,6 impossible
  - b. On the contrary, we establish the law.
- 2. The Gospel does not replace the law
  - a. purpose of Law was
    - i. never to bring salvation – Ro 3:20; Jas 2:10
    - ii. to bring the knowledge of sin – Ro 7:7
  - b. The Gospel confirms and established the law
    - i. The purpose of Christ's coming - not to abolish the law but to fulfill the law – Mt 5:17
      - through His perfect life
      - by paying the penalty of death
    - ii. It drives men to Christ – Gal 3:24
    - iii. it provides believers with the potential of fulfilling the law – Ro 8:3-4