

Righteousness Demonstrated

- 0) Righteousness
 - o Righteousness of God given – v. 21-24
 - o His Righteousness demonstrated – v. 24-26
- 1) Standard – v. 23
- 2) Résumé – v. 23
- 3) Justify – v. 24,26
- 4) Grace (gift) – v. 24
- 5) Faith (believe) – v. 22,25,26

6) Just – v. 24-26

Ex 23:7, Deut 25:1, Prov 17:15

And yet we two problems in our text...

- In Times Past...
v. 25 – God passed over sins previously committed
- In Times Present...
v. 24 – those who sin and fall short are now “justified freely by His grace” (also, Rom 4:5)

HOW → the cross of Christ.

a) Redemption – v. 24

“The price to restore from captivity to freedom”

Why so high a price?

- The One Offended
- The number of offenses

b) Propitiation – v. 25

“to appease wrath.”

Leon Morris in his book, *The Atonement*

The term propitiation as used by Paul is not intended to resurrect a crude, heathen process of celestial bribery... The God of the Bible is not capricious or arbitrary. He does not impose punishments without reason on bewildered worshippers who must then bribe him back into a good mood with their costly offerings, sweets, or trinkets left at his idol.

Rather it is to acknowledge that God is vigorously and personally opposed to every form of evil. God's wrath is in fact His love blazing out in fiery indignation against every evil He finds in those He loves. God will not forgive with an airy wave of the hand. His wrath must be appeased and satisfied.

But because God loves, he provides a way whereby his beloved is delivered from the wrath that would otherwise engulf them.¹

c) Why God must be Just as He saves

1. Your Trust
2. Your Reason & Morals
3. Your Worship
4. Your Eternity

¹ from Leon Morris, *The Atonement* (Downers Grove: IVP, 1983), 162-3, 173-4.