

The Righteousness of God Revealed in the Gospel

Romans 11:19-23

Righteousness

- Greek
 - Dikaios – “equal, just” (from Vine’s – *without prejudice or partiality*).
 - Dikaiousune – “the character or quality of being right or just. It is used to denote an attribute of God.” (Vine’s)
- Refers to justice and judgement (ref. Leviticus 19:15)
 - ex. to have a straight (honest) measure.

Consider the Goodness and Severity of God

- 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10
 - “... (verse 6) since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us ...”
- Romans 2:4-11
- Romans 11:19-23; **Romans 10:1-4**
- 2 Peter 2:20-21, 3:3-4, 9-13
 - 2:21 ... “For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness ... (3:11) what manner of person ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God ...”

The Gospel of Christ reveals the Righteousness of God

- Romans 1:16-17
 - *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. **For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’***

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- God has expressed His righteousness by punishing sin while still providing salvation to the sinner.
 - Sin – a transgression of law; unjust actions.
 - All have sinned. Romans 3:9, 19, 23
 - Romans 3:5 – Does our unrighteousness (sin) demonstrate (reveal) the righteousness of God?
 - (Romans 6:23 – “The wages of sin is death ...”)
 - Romans 3:20-21 – Does the Mosaic Law demonstrate the righteousness of God?
 - Romans 7:7 (Philippians 3:3-11, cf. Isaiah 64:4-6)
 - Romans 3:21-26 – Justice and Mercy together demonstrate the righteousness of God.

The Gospel

- 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 55-58