

“The Good News”
Rom. 3:21-26

Introduction

Romans 3:21 to 8:39:

Question: How does God save sinners?

Answer: “in Christ Jesus” (8:1).

- ❖ How important is Romans 3:21-31?

- ❖ “If Romans is a little Bible then this section is a little _____.”

- I. God has provided the righteousness which He requires (3:21-22).
 - The words “but now” are a bridge over a spiritual gorge.

 - The righteousness which God requires is not found in any system of law keeping.

- The righteousness which God requires broke into time at the incarnation of Jesus Christ.

- The only way to get this righteousness which God requires is through faith in Jesus Christ.

II. Everyone without distinction is in need of the righteousness which God requires (3:23).

- The reason for this need is that all have sinned.

- Everyone without exception falls short of the glory of God.

III. God credits us with the righteousness which He requires (3:24).

- This is done on the basis of what Christ has done.

- The price of the life of the Son of God had to be paid.

- Christ was substituted in the place of sinners.

IV. The righteousness which God requires has been made public (3:25-26).

- Christ was put forward for all to see as the satisfaction of God's wrath toward sin.

- The greatest problem of all is how to get God to sinners.

- It has been solved through the atoning work of Jesus Christ.