

**“The Heart of the Gospel!”  
(Romans 3:21-26)**

After two chapters on the reality of our sin and condemnation, Paul now comes to the good news of salvation – namely that “the righteousness of God is revealed through faith in Jesus Christ!” This passage shows us the very heart of the gospel through the...

**Promise of God’s Revelation (21-22a)**

- In His Word (21)
- In His Son (22a)

**Provision of God’s Salvation (22b-24)**

- Bad News (22b – 23)
- Good News (24)

**Proof of God’s Reputation (25-26)**

- Of His Forbearance (25)
- Of His Justice (26)

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**Small Group Discussion Guide**

**Icebreaker**

The greatest sacrifice of all is what Jesus did for us on the cross. Share about a sacrifice someone made for you recently.

**Discussion Questions**

1. Note that “the righteousness of God” is repeated 4 times in this passage. (See also 1:17 and 3:5) How would you explain God’s righteousness to someone? How did Jesus display the righteousness of God?
2. How does Romans 3:23-24 show both the “Bad News” and the “Good News” of the gospel? Why are both aspects of the gospel so important to know and share? When did these two truths first grip your heart?
3. As you reflect on the words “Justified” (declared “Not Guilty” before God), “Redemption” (bought out of slavery of sin and set free), and “Propitiation” (God’s wrath averted onto Christ) – which of these three truths is most meaningful to you? Why?
4. Read and discuss Romans 3:25-26. What does the sacrifice of Christ teach us about God? Why is the cross so central to Christianity?

**Small Group Prayer**

Begin by thanking Christ for paying for your sins to provide you with salvation by your repentant faith in Him. Be sure to include prayers for families who recently lost loved ones.