

GOOD MORNING!

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN THE WORLD!

# ROMANS

**Rom. 3:21-26**

**RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD**

# **Paul's Gospel and the Righteousness of God**

- 1. In Rom. 1-4, Paul brings the Law and Prophets into the witness box (Rom. 1:2; 3:21).**
  - They can witness to a lot of things, but they cannot witness to the Good News (Gospel) of the Death of Christ (only the bad news), let alone reveal it.**
- 2. The Righteousness of God displayed as an attribute of His Being, which separates sinners from God.**
  - Is revealed in the OT; witnessed to by Paul.**
- 3. The Righteousness of God displayed in destroying His enemies and saving His friends, especially Israel. This is what Peter preached in Acts.**
  - revealed in the OT; witnessed to by Paul.**
- 4. BUT NOW IS MANIFESTED The Righteousness of God displayed in saving and blessing His enemies, especially the Gentiles because He has no friends.**
  - revealed by Paul and only born witness to by the OT.**

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- 5. In the light of humanity's utter sinfulness and enemy status and worthiness to receive God's Wrath and Judgment, including the Jews:  
--Through Paul, God reveals Christ's faithfulness on the Cross, and the Righteousness and Life that comes through that for sinners, His enemies, who believe (Rom. 3:22).**
- 6. Those who had belonged to Adam's disobedience unto sin and death, because of unbelief, now belong to Christ and His obedience unto righteousness and life because of belief/faith (Rom. 3:22-24).**
- 6. We have been redeemed—SET FREE—from the old self under sin and death and are now a new creations in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17).**

# Paul's Gospel and the Old Testament

- 7. When a sinner respond in faith to what God has told him, it puts on display His Glory.  
--Those who had been continually falling short of God's Glory (Rom. 3:23) NOW display it when they respond in faith to God and His Word: It lights up God's Glory.  
--Rom. 3:21-26; 4:18-20; 5:1-3; 6:3-4; 8:18-21; 15:4-7; Eph. 1; 2:1-10; 3:13-21).**
- 8. When justified sinners, who have been freed from self, makes use of the blessings God has given them in faith for the sole purpose of displaying God's glory: God's Power Is Released. (Eph. 1:19-20)**
- 9. Making His BUT NOW Righteousness available to ungodly sinners through Christ's faithful work on the Cross displays the full revelation of God's Righteousness in all its glorious aspects.**