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Beyond the Superficial

Romans 3:21-26

- Previously, we established that we are **ALL INHERENTLY SINFUL.**
 - Romans 3:10
- This means that **MANKIND IS IN TROUBLE!!**
- **BUT, there is GOOD NEWS...**

v. 21- 2 main ideas

- #1 - SALVATION apart from works of the Law
 - Imputation?
 - God has bestowed His righteousness upon us.
 - Romans 1:16-17
 - Cost for us? REPENTANCE
 - Mark 8:34

v. 21- 2 main ideas

- #2- The Law and the Prophets are WITNESSES to Jesus.
 - Christ was thoroughly spoken of throughout the Old Testament before He was revealed in the New, serving as evidence for His existence AND His plans of redemption.
 - John 5:16-18
 - John 5:31-35,36
 - John 5:39,45-46

v. 22

- The Old Testament not only promises a Messiah, but it also speaks of how we can be saved through Him.
 - The Gospel of Grace

Shadow of what/Who was to come

- Numbers 21:5-9
 - “It took an act of faith in God’s plan for anyone to be healed, and the serpent on the stick was a reminder of their sin which brought about their suffering.”
- John 3:14



v. 22

- God has opened up an avenue by which everyone can be **FREELY** saved! Jew or Gentile... “there is no distinction”
- Paul was explaining to scoffers that the Gospel of salvation is **INCLUSIVE**

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- “Judaizing heresies in the early church show us that the Gentiles’ inclusion as full heirs of the new covenant with the privileges of faithful Israelites was unexpected

“... they could not conceive of Gentiles having an equal status with Jewish believers... without adopting Mosaic law... (Gal. 2:1-14) giving Gentile believers a lower status than the circumcised.

“But... in Eph. 3:1-6 and many other passages, the fulfillment of the Lord’s plan for the nations is that there are ‘no racial, social, or spiritual distinctions’ in the church.”

v. 23

- 1) Our inherent sinful nature is mentioned again
- 2) The glory of God refers to His righteous standard
- We have ALL failed God. His standard of perfection is unattainable for us; we can never measure up to His moral expectations because we are imperfect.
 - Found throughout the Bible, especially in Isaiah 59

v. 24 - The GOOD NEWS

- Thanks be to God for His love and the gift of eternal life in Christ!!!
- “Justified by His grace”
 - Justified = to regard as just, to declare or render righteous, to render innocent or to set free
- “Redemption in Christ”
 - Redemption = liberation procured by the payment of a ransom
 - We deserve eternal destruction, but Jesus paid our debt in full

... BUT JESUS...

- This freedom is found ONLY IN JESUS
 - John 14:6, Acts 4:12
- We fall short, BUT JESUS...
- We are inherently sinful, BUT JESUS...
- This is the opposite of condemnation. We have been washed by His grace; therefore, we can lift up holy hands and worship freely.

v. 25



- 1) PROPITIATION = a ransom paid to appease God
 - Jesus Christ sacrificed Himself as a sin offering to God the Father to appease His wrath as well as to satisfy the demands of the Law.
 - Hebrews 9:22
 - Found throughout the Pentateuch, meaning “mercy seat”
- Ark Discovery - blood analyzed