

The Hope of But Now

Romans 3.21-26

2.15.26

²¹But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²²even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; ²⁵whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. *This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

- Just as there is no distinction when it comes to the judgment of God, there is also no distinction when it comes to the _____ of God.
- God will reveal His righteousness in and to and through _____ person who believes.
- God has made it possible for us to be made completely right in His eyes through buying our release from our deserved penalty of sin with the _____ of Jesus.
- Jesus, our Perfect Substitute, offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, such that our sins are not only paid for but are completely gone _____.
- The precious blood of Christ _____ can pay for our sins.

Further reflection/discussion

What do you like about this passage?

What questions do you have?

What do we learn about people? God's heart?

What is something you need to ask/trust the Lord to help you to apply based on this passage?

(Specific questions)

Can you see in yourself any way that you try to earn God's favor or acceptance?

How would you complete this sentence? "God loves me more because/when/if I _____."

To what extent do you agree that every person must trust in Jesus for forgiveness because every person falls short?

To what extent do you agree that (trusting in) the blood of Jesus makes you completely clean and right in God's eyes?

Next time: "The Hope of Abraham our Father"