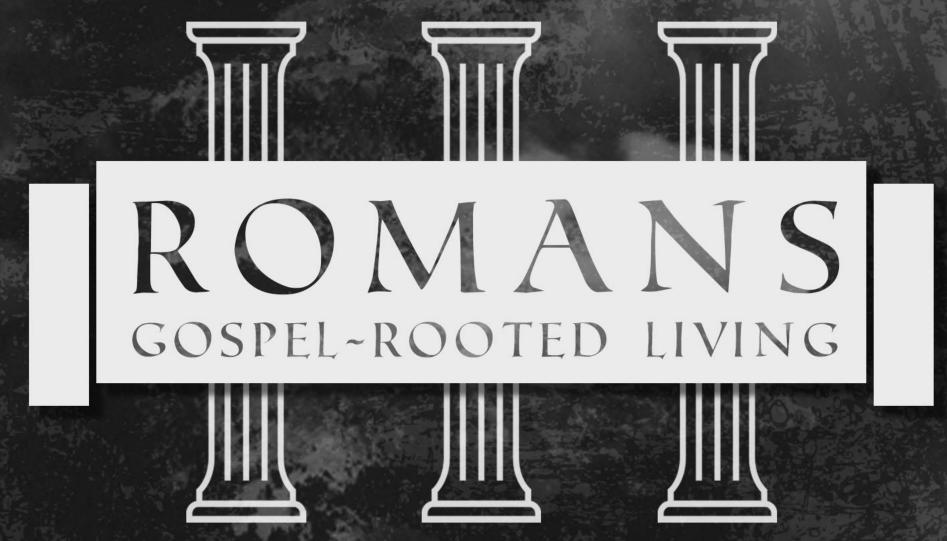
Chap 3:21-31



#### Where have we been so far?

- Greeting and Introduction
  - Good news: God's grace & peace by faith
- Indictment
  - Bad news: All are guilty & need salvation
- •Law's Purpose Reveal, Define, Increase

# Have you ever felt judged?

# Video

#### Romans 3:21-22a

- <sup>21</sup> But <u>now the righteousness of God</u> has been manifested...<u>through faith in Jesus</u> Christ...
- "Now" Jesus' cross oriented manifestation
- Paul resumes what he started in 1:17

### Romans 3:22b-23

For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

- •Summarizes 1:18-3:20
- •Glory = "manifested majesty"
  - Result we do not reflect God's image

#### Romans 3:24

<sup>24</sup> <u>and</u> are <u>justified by his grace</u> as a gift, through the <u>redemption</u> that is in Christ Jesus,

- Connects the Gospel Gift of God's grace
- Redemption: purchase freedom for a slave
  - God liberates us from slavery to sin (Rom 6)

#### Romans 3:25a

<sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a <u>propitiation</u> by <u>his blood</u>, to be received by faith...

- •Initiative shift <u>God</u> puts forward a ransom
  - "Propitiation" satisfaction of God's wrath
  - "Wrath" the response of Holy God to sin

#### Romans 3:25b

... This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance <u>he had</u> passed over former sins.

 How can a holy God, justify guilty sinners without compromising His own integrity?

#### Romans 3:26

<sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might <u>be just and</u> the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

•Sent His son to die thereby (a) satisfying His just nature in (b) an act of infinite love

#### Justification

- Manner of delivery a gift
- •Means of reception by faith
- Basis / grounds the Cross
- •Psalm 85:10

But we God does not stop there...

## Mercy and Grace

- •Mercy not getting what we do deserve
- •Grace getting what we do not deserve
- Extravagant Love Luke 15:11-24

#### Romans 3:27-28 Reliance on works excluded

- <sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of our <u>boasting</u>? It <u>is</u> <u>excluded</u>. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but <u>by the law of faith</u>...
- •Paul shifts to "Sola fide" faith alone
  - •Faith / believe 21 times in 3:27-4:25

Romans 3:29-30 Faith includes the Gentiles

<sup>29</sup>...the God of Jews only?...Yes, of Gentiles also, <sup>30</sup> since <u>God</u> is one—who <u>will justify the</u> circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised...

- Torah-centrism replaced by Christocentrism
  - Law separated / faith unites

Romans 3:31 Embrace the purpose of the Law

- <sup>31</sup> Do we then <u>overthrow the law</u> ...By no means! On the contrary, we <u>uphold the law</u>.
- "Uphold" endorse, support, advocate
  - •What do we uphold Law's purposes
  - •Reveals, defines, increases

#### God has revealed...

- His plan of justification by faith...
- By sending His son to pay our ransom...
- •Thereby purchasing our freedom from sin...
- •While sustaining His integrity...
- And demonstrating His extravagant love

## What is the good news (the Gospel)?

- God not only maintains His integrity
  - He gives mercy and grace
  - And the ability to choose to do right
  - To all mankind (both Jew and Gentile)
- The Law teaches us our need for grace
  - We should recognize and affirm it's goodness

# Do you feel judged?

- Don't move away
  - •Move *toward* the Holy Spirit
  - The Holy Spirit is calling you
- He has provided everything you need
- He wants you to be to free
- And to be whom He created you to be



# ROMANS GOSPEL-ROOTED LIVING

