**Romans Series February 26, 2023**

**Being Made Right with God - Romans 3:21-31**

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  + ‘apart from the law’ (Rom. 3:21a)
* The law identifies where every person has sinned against God
  + Sin is failing to obey God’s laws,  
     failing to following God’s nature  
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  + The Old Testament (the Law and the Prophets) predicted or prophesied what was to come
    - ‘Righteousness of God has been manifested” (3:21b)
    - It is the provision of God
* It is available by **grace through** faith to all who believe in Jesus Christ
  + There is no discrimination between races, genders, or social standing
  + All people share in the common availability to receive God’s righteousness
    - “There is no distinction” (3:22b)
* Cannot come from any human effort because all **people are sinners**
  + “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”
  + Belief, not behavior is the standard for mankind before God
* Comes by God’s **great gift** of His Son
  + It is a gracious gift in that mankind could never earn it or deserve it
  + The result is “justification” which means the sinners debt is exchanged for the righteousness of Christ
  + The believer is no longer condemned but receives “redemption” which is God’s release from the enslavement to sin
* Is available because Jesus **satisfied the wrath** of God against sin (propitiation)
  + By Him and through His blood the righteousness of God was revealed
  + Jesus is just and became the justifier of everyone who believes in Him.

Two Choices

* Each individual person bears the weight of his or her sin against God
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