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Christ, Our Propitiation

Romans 3:19-28

I. Morality Does Not Save Us (Rom. 3:19-23)

A. “The law” (Rom. 3:19)

B. “The law”: It does not justify the flesh (Rom 3:20-21).

1. “Therefore”: Since we are all guilty and under the law:

2. “But”; There is an opposite-a righteousness of God.

3. The law and the prophets are a testimony of God’s righteousness.

C. God’s righteousness is only realized by faith in Jesus Christ (Rom 3:22).

1. He is that perfect, sacrificial Lamb.

2. To all and on all who believe.

3. “No difference”

D. Everyone is guilty of being a sinner.

II. Propitiation Saves Us (Rom. 3:24-25)

A. Christ redeems us, buys us out of our slavery and bondage to sin.

1. His shed blood is the payment (Heb. 9:22).

2. Our faith; trust (Rom. 3:26).

B. Justified through Christ by His grace

1. “Justified” (Rom. 3:26) – A judicial action where we are declared right before God.

2. “By His grace”

C. “God set forth”: God sent His Son to fulfill His plan of redemption.

1. Christ was His Father’s “propitiation” to satisfy His wrath on man’s sinful condition.

2. But His shed blood (Heb. 9:22).

3. God can now pass over our sinful condition.

III. Boasting Will not Save Us (Rom 3:27-28)

A. Why would we want to boast?

1. We want to “feel” good about ourselves; our moral status.

2. We “feel” this need to earn our place in heaven.

3. We want to “feel” better than those that are obviously more sinful than us.

B. Danger: God shuts out our boasting.

1. It is pride: This is what has caused the destruction of our relationship with Him.

2. God is impressed with humility.

C. The principle of faith can boast (Rom. 3:27):

1. Justification is accomplished only by faith.

2. Doing good deeds earns us no favor with God.