

Sermon Questions

The Work of Jesus in the Redeemed
Romans 3:21–26
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CONNECT:

- What museum or historical site has made the biggest impact on you? Why?

GROW:

- Read Romans 3:21. This verse tells us that salvation, being declared right with God, is not based on works. Have you ever felt like you had to add to God's free gift to receive it? Is it easy or difficult to slip into? Why?
- Romans 3:22-23. Who receives the righteousness of God? Who falls short of deserving it? Why? How can keeping this in mind combat any sneaky superiority that can creep in when ministering to others?
- Read Romans 3:24. Those who place their faith in Christ Jesus are justified (declared righteous) as a free gift. Freely means "without a reason based on me." Does this mean that obedience to God doesn't matter? Why or why not?
- Read Romans 3:21-26. How is both God's justice AND mercy presented here?

GO:

- Since God gives grace to us freely, how can you show His grace to others this week?

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1. God, in His immense mercy, reaches out to us through His Son, Jesus. We are sinners by birth (Romans 5:12) and by action (Romans 3:23)—in fact we are totally depraved (every cell in our bodies are infected with sin (Romans 3:21–26). As totally depraved people, we are incapable of saving ourselves. Jesus, as fully God, is perfect in every way (2 Corinthians 5:21). He alone can pay for our sins, and He chose to do so! Praise Him!
2. God offers salvation through faith in Jesus alone. We must admit/confess our sins, and by faith accept Jesus' death, burial and resurrection alone as the payment of our sins. By faith, we receive Him alone as Savior and Lord (Romans 3:21–26, 6:23, 10:9–10).