# GOD'S ANSWER FOR MAN'S SIN Romans 3:21-22a

#### 21 But now...

Eph 2:11-13 – 11 ... formerly you, the Gentiles......12 remember that you were ... separate from Christ... having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

1 Cor 15:16-20 – 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; 17 and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless...20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead...

Eph 2:4-5 – 4 But God, being rich in mercy...5...made us alive together with Christ...

Martyn Lloyd-Jones – There are no more wonderful words in the whole of Scripture than just these two words 'But God...'

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**Leon Morris** – This is possibly the most important single paragraph ever written.

Alva McClain – If someone should ask me, 'Brother McClain, if you could have just 6 verses out of the Bible, and all the rest be taken away, which would you take?', I would select these 6 verses. All of God's gospel is there, and in a way found nowhere else in the Word of God.

#### I. THE DIVINE SIDE OF THE TRANSACTION

21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

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22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe...

Acts 10:43 - Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.

Rom 10:9–12 - 9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him;

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- 2 Cor 5:21 It was there that God made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the <u>righteousness</u> of God in Him.
- Matt 1:21 She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.
- **John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
- **John 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.
- Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.

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22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe...

### 2 Cor 9:15 - Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Eph 3:14-19 – 14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father...16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man...17...that you...18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.