

# Romans 3:25-26

## Faith in His Blood

### 1. Context:

- a. Paul is explaining how God is righteous to save through Christ (past and present)
- b. Paul alternates with gospel truth *without law* and a *witness by the law*.
- c. Rom 3:24 - Gospel truth w/o law - - - Rom 3:25 - witness by the law / prophets

### 2. A Propitiation

- a. *"God hath set forth"* - Set forth before, purposed already, but now manifest - 2Cor 5:19
- b. Propitiation ~def. What makes propitious; gains favor, mercy; makes forgiveness possible
- c. All out of favor with God, so that God could have mercy upon all - Rom 11:32
- d. *"through faith"* - How propitiation for the whole world is appropriated - 1 John 2:2, 4:10
- e. Hebrew apostles recognized this - Acts 2:23, 38, 1 Pet 1:19-20, Heb 12:24, 1 Cor 15:3-4

### 3. The Blood of Christ

- a. Blood speaks to the consequence of sin, but also the sacrifices of Israel - Heb 10:1-4
- b. Life is in the blood, he gave his life - Lev 17:11-12
- c. Jesus is God; God's own blood - Acts 20:28
- d. *"in his blood"* - Blood necessary for propitiation (Heb 9:22-26), forgiveness (Col 1:14), redemption (price), peace (reconciliation Eph 2:13), justification (Rom 5:9), sanctification
- e. The shed blood of Christ is what makes salvation possible in any dispensation - Matt 26:28

### 4. Declare His Righteousness

- a. *"his righteousness"* - God forgave sins without payment - how is that right?
- b. *"to declare..."* - See this connection to 3:26 declaration - it was not known then
- c. *"remission of sins"* - Now there is no more offering of animals - Heb 10:18
- d. Remission ~def. To pardon an offender, overlook an offense, remove a debt.
- e. Israel forgiven through animals, mercy - Lev 4:20, 26, 31, Num 14:19, but how? Ps 32:1

### 5. Sins that are Past

- a. All of your sins are future of Romans 3:25, your sins are not the 'past sins' here.
- b. Israel's covenant debt was left unsettled til the blood of the better covenant - Heb 9:12-15
- c. This timing of forgiveness/salvation applied is why Israel needed covenants.
- d. *"the forbearance of God"* - God waiting til the cross to settle Israel's sin debt
- e. By grace through faith all of your sins are forgiven by the cross - Col 2:13
- f. No man was looking forward to the cross in faith - Gal 3:8 - we now look back.

### 6. 3:26 - At This Time

- a. Final statement in 3:21-26 is Paul's declaration "at this time" vs. time "past" (Israel)
- b. God is just (righteous) and the justifier (declaring us righteous) which believe in Jesus
- c. Christ is necessary 3:21-23, grace (his work) is necessary 3:24-25, faith is necessary 3:26