

**WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE?
ROMANS 3:24-26 / 3-28-21 / SUN**

I. FIRST, TO SATISFY THE WRATH OF GOD.

A. This is what Romans 3:25a says....

1. "Propitiation" means "to placate, appease, or reconcile."
2. So it means that the death of Jesus turns away God's wrath against us.

B. God's wrath isn't a popular subject.

1. We are called to warn people like John the Baptist did--Luke 3:7.
2. Why is God's wrath important? It's important because God's justice demands the ultimate punishment for sin-death.

C. Why did God do it this way?

II. SECOND, TO DEMONSTRATE GOD'S JUSTICE.

A. This is what Romans 3:25b says...

1. "Forbearance" means to temporarily postpone something, like a debt.
2. God "postponed" our punishment for sin.
3. Jesus paid sin's penalty in our place.

B. Since God is holy, He cannot allow sin to go unpunished.

1. God's solution was to punish sin and still love sinners.
2. God did this by sending His own Son to pay sin's penalty for us.

III. THIRD, TO JUSTIFY US.

A. This is what Romans 3:24 says....

1. The word "justified" means to declare or make someone righteous in the sight of God.
2. The word "freely" means to be justified without doing anything on our part to deserve it.

B. Over 200 years ago a man in England named William Cowper illustrated this truth in a familiar hymn--"There is a Fountain".