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“The Gospel All People Need”
Romans 3:21-31
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Background

After two chapters of describing how sinful all people are, Paul now describes, in a nutshell, the Gospel that all people need. Some people say that the first six verses of this text are quite possibly the most important verses ever written. They may very well be because in them we find God’s good news of fixing the human predicament. Join us this Sunday as we explore the Gospel we all need.

Sermon Text: *Romans 3:21-31*

²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in^[a] Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are

justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement,^[b] through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. ²⁹ Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, ³⁰ since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. ³¹ Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.

Discussion Questions

1. Preparation

- What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- What is the best thing you heard on Sunday?

2. Sunday Questions:

1. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the focus of this entire passage. It is for “ALL”. Do you have the heart to bring gospel to everyone, no matter they are rich or poor, educated or not, religious beliefs, or racial background? How do we approach people who are different from us?
2. The second key word in Gospel is “Righteousness”. *“The righteousness of God has been made known”* (Rom 3:21). What is the righteousness of God? It is the revelation of His faithful character, and His activity to put things right in our lives and in the world. *This righteousness is given through faith in[a] Jesus Christ to all who believe*(Rom 3:22). Can you share your experience of becoming “righteous-ized” through faith in Jesus Christ?
3. The third key word in Gospel is “Faith”. We believe in God’s promise. We are justified by faith, not by our own works or effort. We believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ over sin and death. Could you describe your own faith journey?
4. The fourth key word in Gospel is “Sacrifice of Atonement”. In Jesus, we meet God, and in his blood, we find atonement for our sins. Jesus’ sacrifice breaks the

power of Sin that enslaves us. Do you have real examples of Jesus breaking the power of Sin in your life?

5. The fifth key word in Gospel is “Redemption”. To redeem someone in the first century was to release a prisoner of war or to release a slave through a payment, through a “ransom.” How do you describe yourself as being redeemed by Jesus, and praise Him for having redeemed your life from power of Sin?

6. The journey of Salvation begins and ends with the Triune God. Through His amazing grace, God initiates it, Christ brings it about, and Spirit makes it effective in our lives. Can you give a testimony of your salvation through God’s great grace?