

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 2-21-10 PM NOTES
"THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL"
ROMANS 3:24-26
#19 in Series, "Verse by Verse through Romans"

I. The Source of Justification (v. 24a)

Justification—An act of God whereby He declares the believing sinner righteous in Christ on the basis of the finished work of Christ on the cross.

II. The Price of Justification (vv. 24b-25)

A. Redemption (v. 24b)

Revelation 1:5b (ESV) "To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood."

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NKJV) "¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

B. Propitiation (v. 25)

John Owens' Essential Elements in Any Propitiation:

1. There must be an offense to be taken away.
2. There must be a person offended who needs to be pacified.
3. There must be an offending person who is guilty of offense.
4. There must be a sacrifice or some means of making atonement for the offense.

Isaiah 53:10 (NASB) "But the Lord was pleased to crush Him, putting *Him* to grief; if He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see *His* offspring, He will prolong *His* days, And the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand."

Hebrews 9:13-14 (NKJV) "¹³ For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

“What he is saying is that under the old covenant, the Old Dispensation, there was no provision for dealing with sins in a radical sense. It was simply a means, as it were, of passing them by, covering them over for the time being. Those old offerings and sacrifices gave a kind of purification of the flesh, they gave a ceremonial cleanness, they enabled the people to go on praying to God. But there was no sacrifice under the Old Testament that could really deal with sin. All they did was to point forward to this sacrifice that was coming and that could really do it, and could cleanse the conscience from dead works and truly reconcile man unto God.”

—Martyn Lloyd-Jones

III. The Means of Justification (v. 25b)

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IV. The Justice of Justification (v. 26)

Romans 4:5b (NKJV) “...Him who justifies the ungodly...”