

There is no distinction...

...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

...and are justified by his grace as a gift

Through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

Who is Jesus Christ?

the Son of David, the Son of God

What has He done?

by His blood

How does what He has done provide redemption?

a propitiation

How does what He has done apply personally?

received by faith

This was to show His righteousness

That He might be just

and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus

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The Gospel of Mercy and Justice

Romans 1-3

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God's mercy and justice go together like...

oil and water?

peanut butter and jelly?

Mercy = sparing from what is deserved

Psalm 103:8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Justice = enforcing what is right

Psalm 9:7 But the LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice,⁸ and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.

Would God be merciful if He never provided relief from what is deserved?

Would God be just if He never punished the guilty?

The Gospel of Mercy and Justice

Romans 1-3

The mercy and justice of God come together in vivid display in the gospel of Jesus Christ...

The gospel is most robustly articulated in Paul's letter to the Roman Christians...

What do we see about the gospel in Romans 1-3?

The gospel has been God's plan for a long time (1:1-7)

The gospel...

...is Paul's entrusted priority (v. 1)

...belongs to God (v. 1)

...was promised beforehand by the prophets in the Scripture (v. 2)

...is all about His Son, Jesus Christ (v. 3)

His humanity ("descended from David")

His deity (“declared to be the Son of God”)

...is for the obedience of faith for all nations

The gospel is God’s plan of salvation to all who would believe (1:8-17)

Paul is...

...invested and concerned for the believers in Rome (vv. 8-13)

...obligated and eager to preach the gospel (vv. 14-15)

...unashamed of the gospel (vv. 16-17)

It is the power of God for salvation

To everyone who believes, to the Jew and also to the Greek

In it the righteousness of God is revealed

From faith for faith, as it is written...

“The righteous shall live by faith” (Hab. 2:4)

The gospel is God’s plan of salvation to all who would believe because unrighteous people deserve God’s wrath (1:18-32)

God’s wrath is revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness...

God’s wrath and the gospel

The gospel reveals the righteousness of God

The righteousness of God is revealed through His wrath on the unrighteous and His grace and mercy on the ungodly (cf. 4:5)

God’s wrath and the unrighteousness

...ungodly (v. 18)

...suppress the truth (v. 18)

...reject God’s self-revelation (vv. 19-20)

...do not honor God as God or give Him thanks (v. 21)

...futile in their thinking, darkened in their hearts (v. 21)

...claim to be wise, apart from God (v. 22)

...exchange God’s glory for images, the truth for a lie (vv. 23-25)

...worship and serve created things, not the Creator (vv. 24-25)

The full demonstration of their unrighteousness is the result of their rejection of God, and God’s giving them over to their desires

The gospel is God’s plan of salvation to all who would believe Because ‘righteous’ people deserve God’s wrath, too (2:1-3:8)

God’s judgment will also fall on those who think they will escape...

Every one of you who judges

In passing judgment on another you condemn yourself

Because you, the judge, practice the very same things

God’s judgment and the ‘righteous’

...unrighteously pass judgment on others (vv. 1-2)

...think they will escape God’s judgment (vv. 2-3)

...unmoved by God’s kindness, forbearance, patience (v. 4)

...remain unrepentant (vv. 4-5)

...not patient in well doing (v. 6)

...not seeking God’s glory and honor (vv. 7-11)

...hearers only of God’s law (v. 13)

...boast in the law, but actually break it (vv. 17-21)

All—unrighteous and (self-) ‘righteous’—are under sin (3:9)

The gospel is God’s plan of salvation to all who would believe by faith in Jesus Christ (3:21-31)

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested...

...apart from the law

...through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe