

# How can God Declare Wrongdoers Right ?

## Romans 3:21-26

What is God like?

Where is God?

How can God be both just AND forgiving?

# 1. God is righteous – v.21,22,25,26

a. He is always just, true, fair, consistent holy ---

b. He always does the right thing

- in judging – Gen.18:25

- in keeping his promises-Ps.98:2,3; 1Sam.12:7

## 2. The Cross displays God's righteousness – v.21,25,26

- a. The justice of God
- b. The grace of God
- c. The wisdom and power of God – 1Cor.1:18-25

### 3. The gift of righteousness – v.22,25,26

a. We are justified – law-court

- Not guilty. Forgiven
- Declared righteous 2Cor.5:21; Phil3:9

b. We are redeemed – v.24 – slave-market

c. Our sin is atoned for –v.25 – temple

- our sin is taken away – we are God's children
- God's wrath is turned away- God is our Father

# 4. Amazing Good News

Because of the Cross:-

- a. We have assurance of salvation – we have been put right with God
- b. We have much to praise God for
- c. We have GREAT NEWS for all

Salvation/justification is “by grace alone, in Christ alone, through faith alone” Eph.2:8,9; Gal.6:14