

**SERMON SERIES**  
**THE WEIGHT OF SIN & THE POWER OF GOD**  
**“THE JUST JUSTIFIER OF SINNERS”**

**Romans 3: 21-26**  
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**I. God gives righteousness to all who believe in Jesus Christ (vv. 21-22).**

*Vs. 20 “by the works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight.”*

*“But now the righteousness (from) God has been manifested apart from the law”*

*“the righteousness of God thru faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe”*

*“thru faith in Jesus” or “thru the faithfulness of Jesus”*

**Zechariah 3:1-6**

*“He does not speak of the righteousness of God, by which God is righteous, but of that with which He clothes a person when He justifies the ungodly.”*

*-Augustine*

**II. God graciously provides redemption in Jesus Christ (vv. 23-24).**

*“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”*

*“are justified by his grace as a gift”*

*“through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus”*

**Galatians 2:15-21**

*“Through the Law God opens man’s eyes so that he sees his helplessness and by faith takes refuge to His mercy and so is healed.”*

*-Augustine*

**III. God provides propitiation by Jesus Christ's blood (vv. 25-26).**

*"whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood"*

*"to be received by faith"*

*"just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus"*

**1 Peter 1:17-19**

"Without the cross the justification of the unjust would be unjustified, immoral, and therefore impossible."

*-John Stott*

"God does not set his justice aside; he turns it onto himself."

*-Tim Keller*

"God, the righteous Judge of the universe, justifies the ungodly because he gave his Son. He took upon himself the grief of griefs- even my ungodliness and yours."

*-Jack Miller*