

## The Righteousness of God Revealed in the Gospel

Romans 11:19-23

## Righteousness

- Greek
  - Dikaiois – “equal, just” (from Vine’s – *without prejudice or partiality*).
  - Dikaioisune – “the character or quality of being right or just. It is used to denote an attribute of God.” (Vine’s)
- Refers to justice and judgement (ref. Leviticus 19:15)
  - ex. to have a straight (honest) measure.

## Consider the Goodness and Severity of God

- 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10
  - “... (verse 6) since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us ...”
- Romans 2:4-11
- Romans 11:19-23; **Romans 10:1-4**
- 2 Peter 2:20-21, 3:3-4, 9-13
  - 2:21 ... “For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness ... (3:11) what manner of person ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God ...”

## The Gospel of Christ reveals the Righteousness of God

- Romans 1:16-17
  - *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. **For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’***

## The Gospel of Christ reveals the Righteousness of God

- God has expressed His righteousness by punishing sin while still providing salvation to the sinner.
  - Sin – a transgression of law; unjust actions.
    - All have sinned. Romans 3:9, 19, 23
  - Romans 3:5 – Does our unrighteousness (sin) demonstrate (reveal) the righteousness of God?
    - (Romans 6:23 – “The wages of sin is death ...”)
  - Romans 3:20-21 – Does the Mosaic Law demonstrate the righteousness of God?
    - Romans 7:7 (Philippians 3:3-11, cf. Isaiah 64:4-6)
  - Romans 3:21-26 – Justice and Mercy together demonstrate the righteousness of God.

## The Gospel

- 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 55-58