

**MOOREBANK – HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES**  
SERMON OUTLINE –29 May 2016  
Romans 3:21-26 ~ Propitiation

**When sorry just isn't enough...**

**1. The problem of unrighteousness**

- A problem for us
- A problem for God?

**2. How can we be declared righteous?**

- We're justified by grace – God free gift to us – 3:25
- We're justified through faith in Jesus – 3:22

**3. How can God be right?**

- Propitiation – v25
- The Righteousness of God v26

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### **QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION**

Romans 3:21-26

#### **How can God be right when he says I'm right when I'm wrong?**

1. Why is it important that God's salvation is righteous? Can you imagine ways where God could save us and yet somehow be less than perfectly good and just in doing so?

#### **OT Background**

2. Read the following passages and consider what they reveal about God and his response to sin – Isaiah 30:27-30; Ezekiel 7:8-9; Psalm 60:1-3; Zechariah 8:16-18.
3. Read Isaiah 28:21. Why is judgment called God's 'strange' and 'alien' work? What does this tell you about God?
4. What has God promised in Exodus 23:7? Read Hosea 11:1-9. How can God uphold justice and yet be the God of compassion and mercy (Exodus 34:6-7)?

#### **The Big Issue – the righteousness of God**

5. Read Romans 1:16-17. What is Paul focused upon? What is revealed in the gospel?
6. Romans 1:18-3:20 represent something of a necessary digression from Paul's main theme. How would you summarise this section of Scripture?
7. Apart from, or independently of, the stipulations of the law covenant – what has been revealed – v21?
8. What is righteousness? Who is it for – v22? On what basis is it offered? How may we be declared righteous?
9. Propitiation means a sacrifice which turns away anger and restores right relationship. It's the idea that matters not the word. What does 'propitiation' tell us about God? (translated 'expiation' (RSV) or 'sacrifice of atonement' (NIV)).
10. Why is it important that God's wrath has been 'propitiated' or turned aside?
11. What has God demonstrated in giving his son? See v25-26 cf John 3:16
12. The cross is the place where wrath and mercy meet. How is God's righteousness demonstrated at the cross?
13. Why is the cross always attacked by opponents of Christianity? What do they hope to gain by discrediting it?