**PAID IN FULL! Romans 3:19-31**

**Review: Good works have no chance because no one is good (3:12)**

**MAIN: If the payment is complete, there is no debt!**

**John 19:30 – It is finished!**

**1. “Justified” = Declared righteous. Since righteousness is impossible for man (Rom. 3:9-20), God imputes the righteousness of Christ to us!**

**“Freely” literally = “as a gift.” The only way it is possible, because we can’t earn it. That’s why it’s “by His grace” = “undeserved kindness”.**

**2. It comes from the “redemption” that is in Christ Jesus – Jesus paid for us by His blood.**

**2. “Propitiation” – Jesus “satisfied” the wrath of God “by his blood”. Mankind’s sins are completely paid for by Jesus – 1 Jn. 2:2; 2 Cor. 5:19. The sin barrier has been removed!!! Sins are not “imputed” to us, i.e. charged to our account. People don’t go to the Lake of Fire due to sin, but because they don’t have life (Rev. 20:11-15; Jn. 20:30-31; 11:25-27).**

**Jesus is our “Mercy Seat”; He is where we meet God (Ex. 30:6). God’s anger toward sin is appeased in Jesus. We have been redeemed (Eph. 1:7) and when we believe, relationally, all sins are forgiven (Col. 2:13). We are the righteousness of God in Christ (2 Cor. 5:21). Sins are not an issue, since God is propitiated (1 Jn. 2:2).**

**At the cross, God “passed over” the sins before the cross.**

**The question now is, do you have life? 1 Jn. 5:11-13**

**To say that we are righteous is not a statement of pride, but one of grace and of gratitude. There is no room for pride or boasting Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 3:27-28**

**One point of the Law was to demonstrate our inability, our unrighteousness. By embracing faith alone in Christ alone, we establish the truth of the Law - Rom. 3:19-20!**

1. **All who believe are declared righteous.**
2. **All believers have been redeemed.**
3. **God has been propitiated; The sin barrier has been removed, when we believe we are forgiven. Jesus is our Mercy Seat.**

Theology in Romans

3rd Word of the Week: Redemption

Definition: Buying back a slave or captive i.e. making free by payment of a ransom; redemption; acquittal **- Rom. 3:24; Eph. 1:7; Col. 2:14**

Theology in Romans

2nd Word of the Week: Propitiation

Definition: **Appeasement necessitated by sin; expiation; to satisfy; place of propitiation; means of expiation; (expiation = “to atone, to extinguish the guilt incurred by, amend, redeem, correct). - Rom. 3:25; 1 Jn. 2:2; 4:10**

Theology in Romans

Word of the Week: Justified

Definition: **To be declared righteous; “a legal term meaning to secure a favorable verdict, to acquit, to be vindicated, to be declared righteous” (Ryrie) Rom. 3:24; 4:4-5; 5:1; Gal. 3:24**

**Evans = “In God’s courtroom, He pronounced believers innocent of all charges.” Does this by “imputation” – God takes Jesus’ perfect record and credits it to our account.**

Types of justification:

**1) Before God – by faith alone Rom. 4:1-5**

**2) Before men – Jas. 2:14-24**