

## Righteousness Revealed: The Goodness of God



### 1. Grace is a gift

-We miss the mark not of each other but of God's glory- sinner - defined not by better than them, but by the holiness of God- We are absolutely to live our lives in comparison- to Christ.  
-Redeemed because God put forward a propitiation ( presented payment ) **averting the wrath of God by the offering of a gift** - God paid, God gave, God's righteousness- God is showing himself in his purity, rather than looking for ways to display our worthiness.

Exodus 25:17–22 - blood sprinkled on the mercy seat on the day of atonement brought mercy

[17] "You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold. Two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth. [18] And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work shall you make them, on the two ends of the mercy seat. [19] Make one cherub on the one end, and one cherub on the other end. Of one piece with the mercy seat shall you make the cherubim on its two ends. [20] The cherubim shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be. [21] And you shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you. [22] There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel. (ESV)

2. To Show God's righteousness- not Moses', or Abraham, nor the jews, nor us- we make human heroes so we can live in comparison to them— the jews thought of themselves as law keepers because Abraham was the standard- but he isn't, Jesus is. - see him as the standard so that we are never delighted with ourselves but always delighted with the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus

- The Cross shows God's righteousness- no sin is ignored
- By faith - Redemption - free to be useful again - released from Captivity - that's what God did for you- you are no longer a slave to sin- — received in transfer
- Forbearance passed over former sins- to show his righteousness now- **THERE IS NO SIN THAT GOD HAS NOT DEALT WITH**
  - This helps us release our past
  - The calls us not to make human idols- all have sinned
  - This helps us forgive and trust God's vengeance

3. God is Just and the Justifier- this tells us who God is..He is the All in All.

- God's holy justice demands retribution
- God has proved retribution by placing our sin on Christ-
  - Don't accuse God because of human failure- his righteousness is on display
  - Don't accuse God because he demands justice- He is holy
  - Don't accuse God because he averts Justice- Jesus propitiates
- This upholds the law- not less than perfect standard is acceptable- righteousness by faith upholds the law in that Jesus perfectly kept the law for us - everyone who stands before God must stand before God blameless - in Christ we are.