WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU

Grace: God's Power to Change Your Life-Week 10 Romans 3:21-31

Donald Barnhouse once called this passage "the most important paragraph in the Bible." Paul describes, in specific terms, the meaning of salvation. Every single phrase in the first paragraph has significant meaning. If you fail to understand this passage, you really don't understand your salvation.

I. IMPORTANT WORDS THAT DESCRIBE OUR SALVATION- Romans 3:24

- * JUSTIFICATION
- * <u>REDEMPTION</u>
- * ATONEMENT

II. A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF OUR SALVATION -Romans 3:21-26

Nine wonderful facts:

- 1. SALVATION IS <u>DESIGNED BY GOD</u>. "... a righteousness from God..." (vs. 21a)
- 2. SALVATION IS <u>UNEARNED</u>. "... apart from the Law ..." (vs. 21b)
- **3.** SALVATION IS <u>UNHIDDEN</u>. "... has been made known... the Law and the Prophets testify" (vs. 21c)
- **4.** SALVATION IS THROUGH <u>FAITH IN JESUS</u> <u>CHRIST</u>. "... through faith in Jesus Christ ..." (vs. 22)
- 5. SALVATION IS AVAILABLE TO <u>EVERYONE</u> <u>WHO BELIEVES</u>. "... to all who believe ..." (vs. 22b)
- 6. SALVATION IS <u>NECESSARY</u>.
- "... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

(vs. 23)

7. SALVATION IS <u>UNDESERVED</u>.

"... and are justified freely by His grace..." (vs. 24)

8. SALVATION COMES THROUGH A PERSON-JESUS CHRIST.

"God presented Him as a sacrifice of atonement..." (vs. 25)

III. WHY DID GOD CREATE HIS PLAN OF SALVATION? Romans 3:25b-26

To take care of the past "beforehand"

To take care of the present & future "at the present time"

FACT: THE CROSS COVERS <u>PAST</u>, <u>PRESENT</u> AND <u>FUTURE</u> SINS! Jesus died for the sins you commit- yesterday, today, and tomorrow!

IV. THE CONSEQUENCES OF GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION Romans 3:27-31

vs. 27-28 There is no reason for pride.

vs. 29-30 There is no reason for prejudice.

vs. 31 There is no reason for presumption.