

# Being RIGHT when you're in the wrong

## STUDY 5 Romans 3:21-26 Made right

*Complete this sentence:  
The heart of the Christian message is ...*

### **CONTEXT – Where does it fit?**

1. Have a look at Romans 3:1-20. How would you summarise the point of the passage?

### **OBSERVATION – How is it communicated?**

2. Read Romans 3:21-26. What are some repeated words? Are there any words phrases you're not sure about?

### **MEANING – What does it mean?**

3. What different things does Paul tell us about righteousness in Romans 3:21-26 (NB the word "righteous" is also translated as "justice" – that is, to be "justified" is to be "made righteous")
4. Read Leviticus 16:15-17 and 17:11. How does the Day of Atonement deal with the problem of Israel's sin? How does this help us understand Romans 3:25? (NB "atoning sacrifice" is also translated "propitiation" – that is, to turn away wrath completely)
5. According to vv.25 and 26 at the cross God justifies guilty sinners and at the same time remains completely just. How is this true? How does it work?

### **APPLICATION – How does it change us?**

6. Have another look at the sentence you completed at the start (The heart of the Christian message is...) How would you revise it based on Romans 3:21-26?
7. You are right with God even though you're in the wrong. How does this amazing truth change our attitude to:
  - Our guilt over sin?
  - Our freedom in living for Jesus?
  - Our desire to tell people about Jesus?
  - Our coming death?
8. What are some practical ways we can remind ourselves that we're right with God through Jesus each day?