

## **Righteous Before God**

Romans 3:21 - 4:8

(series #1)

**Intro:** "How can a man be righteous before God?" - Job 9:2

### **I. Man's Condemnation - Romans 1:18 - 3:20**

- A. The Case - Romans 1:18 - 3:8
- B. The Climax - Romans 3:9-19
- C. The Condition (Total Depravity) - Eph. 2:1
  - 1. Luke 6:33
  - 2. Luke 11:13
  - 3. Ephesians 4:18

### **II. God's Justification - Romans 3:20-28**

- A. Not by works vv. 20-21
- B. Righteous by faith v. 22
- C. All fall short v. 23
- D. Words describing salvation vv. 24-25
  - 1. Justify - "to declare righteous"
  - 2. Freely - "without a reason"
  - 3. Redemption - "to buy from the slave market"
  - 4. Propitiation - "satisfaction of God's demands"
- E. God's right to grant forgiveness v. 26
- F. The Conclusion vv. 27-28
  - 1. Ephesians 2:8-9
  - 2. Titus 3:5

### **III. Biblical Illustrations - Romans 4:1-8**

- A. Abraham vv. 1-5
- B. David vv. 6-8