

“Just and Justifier”

Romans 3:25-26

- 1) What does the wonderful designation of God as “just and the justifier” indicate about God, especially in terms of His attributes of holiness, righteousness, justice, love, mercy, and grace?

- 2) How can verse 25 be seen as a “hinge” verse in this section (vv. 21-26)?

- 3) What “challenging” issue does it appear that Paul is anticipating with his words in vv. 25-26? (Ps. 85:10; Hosea 2:19-20)

- 4) What is the significance of God “public display” of Christ on the cross?

- 5) What does “propitiation” mean?

- 6) How is Christ as propitiation so appropriate in the context?

- 7) How was the propitiation made?

- 8) How would you respond to such a statement as this: “Christ died to make God loving toward us”?

- 9) What are the results of “propitiation” according to the NT (see Rom. 3:25; Heb. 2:17-18; 1 John 2:2; 4:10)?

- 10a) What does Paul declare is the *purpose* for God’s setting forth Christ as a propitiation?

- 10b) Why was this necessary?

- 11) How is God able to be “righteous” passing over sins previously committed? What does the Cross teach us about how God deals with sin?

- 12) In light of our text, how is it that God is able to “righteously” acquit the ungodly?

13) What happens if we forget that God is “just,” or forget that He is “the one who justifies”?

14) What should be our response to these things?