

8. A God who does it all

Romans 3:21-31

- 1:18-3:20: The bad news no way to make ourselves acceptable to God
- v21 "But now" now we come to the good news
- v21-26 The plight of man meets the power of God

Christianity is about what God does

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Being a Christian instead

- "from God... by Christ Jesus... God presented him... He did this" .
- 1:18-3:20 all about man's attempts. In 3:21-26 God acts:-

a) God provides righteousness to cover our guilt (Justification)

- He deals with the problem of sin We aren't righteous, and can't be 0
- "a righteousness from God that comes through ... Jesus" v22 0
- In Jesus' perfect life, God provides the righteousness he requires 0
- Jesus' perfect life will be credited to our account and God can 0 declare us righteous/not guilty - the verdict of the Day of Judgment

God provides freedom for slaves (Redemption) b)

- He deals with the power of sin over us it holds us captive 0
- We are caught up in living for ourselves and can't get free Ο
- "through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus" v24 0
- Slaves could be redeemed from slavery if someone cleared their debts 0
- Christ takes on our debts and frees us at great personal cost 0

God provides delight not wrath (Propitiation) c)

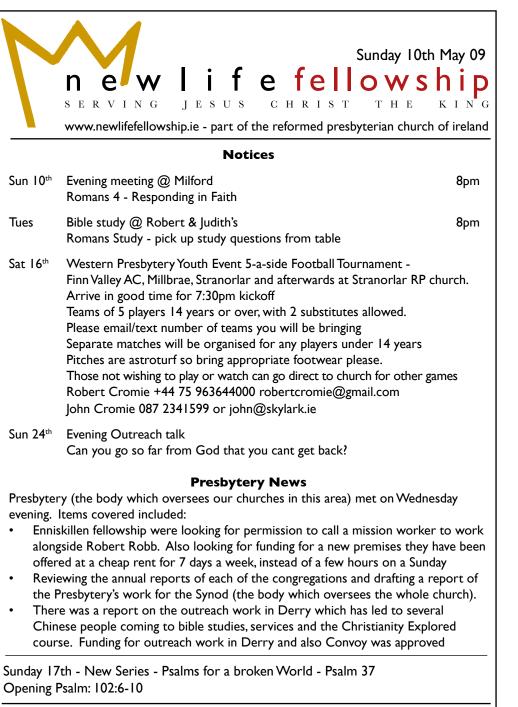
- He deals with the penalty of sin for us Ο
- "God presented him as a propitiation [one who turns aside wrath]" v25 0
- Our sin accrues God's wrath. It has to be paid for 0
- Instead of demanding payment, God offers to pay 0
- Jesus' death on the cross is the sacrifice to end all sacrifice, it is 0 the end of wrath
- And it is all free to us! But at great cost to God. ٠

2. What God does is grasped by Faith

- The offer isn't blanket coverage for all it has to be accepted
 - **By Faith** a)
 - 8 times v21-31 by faith...through faith... have faith... who believe 0
 - God wants a relationship, and relationships are built on trust 0
 - Not just knowing, not just believing facts, but trusting them 0

Faith in Jesus b)

- Not faith itself which saves "through faith in Jesus Christ" 0
- Trusting in what God did at the Cross is what will get you accepted 0
- All that is necessary for salvation is accomplished 0
- All that we need to do is accept what God is giving 0



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