## Ground Zero of our Spiritual Universe Romans 3:21-26

The righteousness of God means three things:

- 1. To be <u>right</u> with God.
- 2. To have a <u>right standing</u> with God.
- 3. For God <u>to see us</u> as righteous..

Definition of sin: <u>It means to miss the mark.</u>

We are going to visit three places: <u>a court room a market place</u>, and <u>a religious altar</u>. And we are going to discuss three words: <u>justification</u>, <u>redemption</u>, and <u>propitiation</u>.

## The court room—justification

"being justified as a gift by His grace..." (Ro 3:24a) Justification: <u>it means to wipe away the record of sin and to declare a sinner righteous in</u> <u>God's eyes.</u>

Grace: it means getting what you don't deserve.

## The marketplace—redemption

"being justified as a gift by His grace <u>through the redemption</u> which is in Christ Jesus;" (Ro 3:24) Redemption: <u>it means to be set free through the payment of a price.</u>

## The religious altar—propitiation

"whom God displayed publicly as a <u>propitiation</u> in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;" (Ro 3:25)

Propitiation: it means to satisfy someone's wrath through the offering of a sacrifice.

- 1. God the Father <u>transferred our sins</u> onto Jesus. (2 Cor 5:21)
- 2. God the Father judged our sins in Jesus. (Is 53:10)
- 3. God the Father raised Jesus from the dead, declaring us forgiven. (Ro 4:25)