

Romans # 053

“God is Love”

Romans 3:25-27

It's through faith that the propitiation is realized in relationship to God and this is done “to demonstrate His Righteousness.”

God is putting on a visual demonstration or a visual proof, giving visual evidence of His Righteousness at the Cross, saying “This is how righteousness and love work; I am showing you the definitive example of it.”

Kindness is the expression of God's righteousness and grace.

There is no reduction of God's standard here, in order to be kind to the human race.

Our society doesn't understand that love is expressed both in terms of providing wonderful things in life, as well as well as bringing just punishment.

If you do not execute the murderer or punish him according to the crime, you're not loving the victim.

A love that is not righteousness is not love and a righteousness that is not loving is not righteousness.

We have such an ignorant & weak view of love because we have an ignorant and weak view righteousness.

Because righteousness and justice are both fully satisfied at the Cross, God's love is free to flow in providing salvation for everyone in the human race.

A criminal should suffer the consequences of his criminal action as a part of justice.

“I forgive you” means two things:

1. I'm not going to give in to bitterness, vindictiveness, hatred, or mental attitude sin in how I deal with you.

2. *I'm going to do what is right for you, which means that there are consequences that you must endure because of the wrong actions that you have committed.*

Love and integrity standards are not mutually exclusive; they are mutually dependent.

The justice of God deals with each one the same, they are all equally condemned because of Adam's original sin.

When we depart from a firm belief in absolute standards that never change, the judicial system becomes dependent on the circumstances that surround the individual and not the evidence of the crime.

Something isn't righteous because it conforms to an external quality but because it conforms to the character of God.

Love in the Bible is not an emotion; it's an expression of kindness from the character of God as He seeks to bring about the best for the object of His love.

For a husband to be able to love his wife as Jesus Christ loved His church, he has to constantly be pursuing an understanding of the character of God.

God loves the human race and Sodom and Gomorrah so much that He destroys everyone involved.

God gives them grace so that at any time, they can respond to His general revelation in creation and turn to Him.

There comes a time when the act of love towards the over-whelming majority of the human race means that a small minority of the human race must be executed in order to preserve the health of the rest of the body.

To love someone does not mean we compromise righteous standards.

This means God can provide a perfect salvation offered equally to all because it's not dependent on anything anyone does.

No human factor can enter in to create an unfair situation.

Justice pronounces the penalty which divine righteousness demands.

Justification is vindication provided from the integrity of God.