

**Reading:** Exodus 20:1-17 and Romans 3: 9-31                      Text: Romans 3:22  
**Singing:** 261 – 140:1 – 188 – 294:3 – 417:1-2 – 81:1, 3, 4

### **The Righteousness of God**

I. It is Jesus' righteousness II. It is the believer's righteousness

#### **I. The Righteousness of God is Jesus' righteousness**

A. Paul never tired in unfolding God's plan of salvation in Gospel of Jesus

1. in Ch. 1-3:20 he has unpacked the *bad news* (vs. 19-20, 23)

2. in Ch. 3:21-8:39 Paul unpacks the *good news*: (vs. 22, 24)

B. The 'righteousness of God' does not refer to *God's attribute* but *God's Gospel*

1. It is Jesus' work He did *when the Word became flesh and lived & died*

2. Yet it is called *God's righteousness* because our Lord Jesus is *God*

#### **II. It is (becomes) the believer's righteousness**

A. Though this righteousness is '**unto all**' it is not '**upon all**'

1. How often God's servants proclaimed: *Unto you, O men, I call?* (Prov. 8:4)

2. Yet we are not to make the *offer of grace* same as *grace received*

B. This righteousness is *upon all of them that believe*

1. What hinders us commonly from receiving this righteousness?

2. What does God declare to all believers in vs. 22?

**Final Reflection:** *Do this in remembrance of Me.*

A. The gift of vs. 22 to us meant a 'gift' of God to Jesus Christ