

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS HIS FAITHFULNESS TO KEEP HIS COVENANTS

Redemption is provided in Christ Jesus and God puts Him forth as the mercy seat for the cleansing and life-giving sacrifice of reconciliation with God through faith. Romans 3:24b,25

This means that Jesus is now the mercy seat between God and humanity just as the ark of the covenant was for Israel.

This means that Jesus is the means of cleansing a believer of sin through faith.

He is the sin offering for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. The life giving blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. It is the life of resurrected Jesus that cleanses us and not His death. His sinless death at the hand of sin defeats sin and gives Him the right to resurrection and our redemption from sin.

God is faithful in keeping His covenant to protect all who are "in Christ" from the coming wrath of God and judgment of God on sin. God offered the perfect, sinless, cleansing sacrifice. God's righteousness is His historical commitment to Israel and all humanity through Israel.

God declares those who are "in Christ" to be moved out from under wrath and blameless in His sight. The blood of Jesus is the cleansing agent for sin. The blood of Jesus does not refer to His death, but to His resurrected life-giving cleansing agent for the sin of the believer. His death makes the resurrected life-giving cleansing agent a reality. His death is the sacrificial sin offering.

The righteousness of God is that He has kept His covenant with Abraham to bless the whole world through Israel.

But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been revealed, as attested by the Law and the Prophets. And this righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no distinction, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

God presented Him as the mercy seat in His blood through faith, in order to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance He had passed over the sins committed beforehand. He did this to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and to justify the one who has faith in Jesus. Romans 3:21-26

