

**JUSTIFYING GOD?**  
**Equal Weight to Wrath and Love**  
*Romans 3:21-26*

**“Even God cannot just overlook sins!”**

What do you think about that? Do you agree? Disagree? Why?

Last week we discussed the fact that God freely forgives. He makes sinners righteous as a free gift and gives them faith to receive that gift.

**God is a Just God.**

*1 John 1:5* How does this impact the idea of a free gift of salvation?

*Nahum 1:2-6* Where is the love?

*Hebrews 1:9* Jesus hates wickedness.

**How can He be Just and still freely forgive?**

He cannot simply overlook sins without falling short on justice.

*Exodus 34:6-7* What? How can He do both?

*“God has stated that he hates sin, that He will punish sin, that He will pour out His wrath upon sin, and upon those guilty of sin. Therefore, unless God can prove that he has done that, He is no longer just.”*

*D. M Lloyd-Jones*

**Propitiation is the answer.**

A sacrifice that turns away the wrath of God. How? By turning that wrath toward the perfect Sacrifice—Jesus Christ!

*1 John 4:10*

The cross provides a way for the wrath of God to be satisfied (therefore declaring God to be just) AND salvation to be given to all who believe! This truly is Amazing Grace!

**In Conclusion**

Spending time on this truth should cause us to love Him all the more. How amazing He is to work out a perfect solution to a real dilemma. How does this affect you? How should it?

If you are not affected by this truth, have you become too comfortable with your sin and the price that had to be paid?

Each sin you commit **must** receive wrath.

Each time you “bend” the rules it must be dealt with.

Can you continue to sin so casually when it costs so much?

God took His own Word so seriously that He killed His own Son in our place.

How can I not be joyful when I reflect on this truth?