

The Righteousness of God (Romans 3:19-31)

Sermon outline for all services at St James

Introduction : Martin Luther's Great Discovery

1. Righteousness through the Law? (vv.19-23)

- "the whole world held accountable to God"
- "no one will be declared righteous", cf. v.23
- ("to which the Law and the Prophets testify" v22)

2. A Righteousness from God, Apart from the Law

- Justified freely by God's Grace... through redemption
- Sacrifice of Atonement (a "propitiation")
- A manifestation of God's justice
 - Sins committed beforehand?
 - Demonstrating his justice in the "now" time

3. Through Faith in his Blood

- Faith in Jesus Christ (v.22)
- Justified

Our Response?