

## *Justified by Faith Alone* 3:21-31

### **God's righteousness is made available by faith. 21-23**

- \*This righteousness is apart from the Law, but it's in the OT.
- \*This righteousness is by faith/believing in Jesus.
- \*This righteousness is available to all since all are sinful.  
Falling short of God's glory suggests . . .

### **Jesus' sacrifice made our justification possible. 24-26**

- \**Justified* = declared righteous & thus saved from wrath, 5:9
- \**Grace* = unmerited favor/gift, Eph. 2:8,9,
- \**Redemption* = bought/purchased by Jesus' blood, Eph. 1:7
- \**Propitiation* = sacrifice of atonement to appease the wrath of God (a term for the Ark's mercy seat)

### **Our justification by faith alone excludes boasting. 27-31**

- \*Based on a righteousness which comes through faith in Christ's sacrificial death for us, none can boast about their own works/works of the OT Law, see Eph. 2:9.

\*What kind of works do people sometimes put their trust in thinking that it will gain favor with God?

\*Justification by faith doesn't annul the value of the OT Law. See its value in 3:20,21 and Gal. 3: 24, Matt. 5:17.

