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“A Pure Gift”

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Today we looked at Romans 3:21-26. This passage is the pivot point of the book of Romans, where all the discomfort and frustration from Romans 1 and 2 come to a complete halt with one word, **but**. After all of the bad news about our sinfulness, we now receive wonderful news. There is a way to be declared not guilty--by trusting Jesus Christ to take away our sins. This good news is a **pure gift**.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever received bad news (diagnosis, financial crash, family crisis), only to find out that there was a “but now”, an unforeseen solution that was a pivotal moment, a turning point? If so, share with the group.
2. **Read Romans 3:21-22a.** What does it mean to you to have God’s righteousness?
3. Caleb began by reminding us that we have been made **right in His sight**. Do you ever struggle with the idea that this gift has been freely given to you? Discuss.
4. **Read Romans 3:23.** Some sins seem bigger than others because their obvious consequences are much more serious. But this does not mean that because we do lesser sins we deserve eternal life. All sins make us sinners, and all sins separate us from our holy God. Have you ever minimized “little sins” over “big sins?” Why?
5. **Read John 3:17 and John 8:34-36.** Share what these passages mean to you?
6. Have you ever been treated unfairly and you knew you deserved justice?
7. **Read Romans 3:24-26.** Look at verse 25. Is God a JUST God? If so, what is the penalty of sin? God’s wrath HAS to be poured out. He is the God of Justice. He cannot sit idly by while Injustice is happening all around Him. Is he patient? Yes. But something has to be done. So the God of Justice sent **Himself** to die on our behalf, receiving our punishment. **It is a pure gift.** What does this mean to you?
8. If you put your faith in Jesus you are made right, you are redeemed and you are justified by His Grace. Have you received the pure gift of salvation?

SAY YES! If you are ready to say YES to Jesus, we want to help! Go to <http://www.cpcdanville.org/yes/>

PRAYER: Spend some time sharing prayer requests, and pray for one another. Pray specifically for those who are ready to say YES for the first time OR wish to recommit their lives to Jesus.