

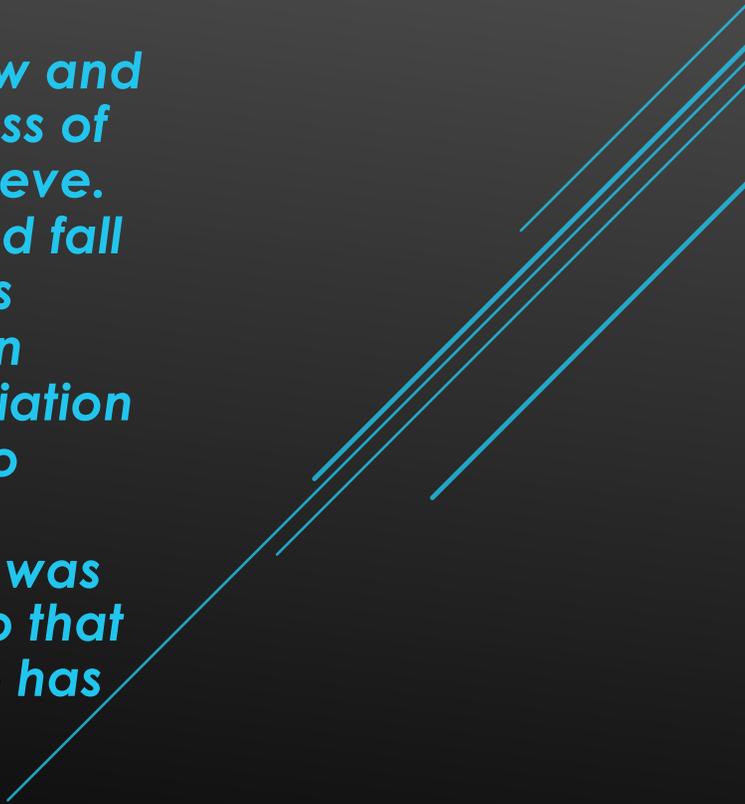
# THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

*God's Gift of Righteousness*



## ROMANS 3:21-26

*BUT NOW the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in divine forbearance he has passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

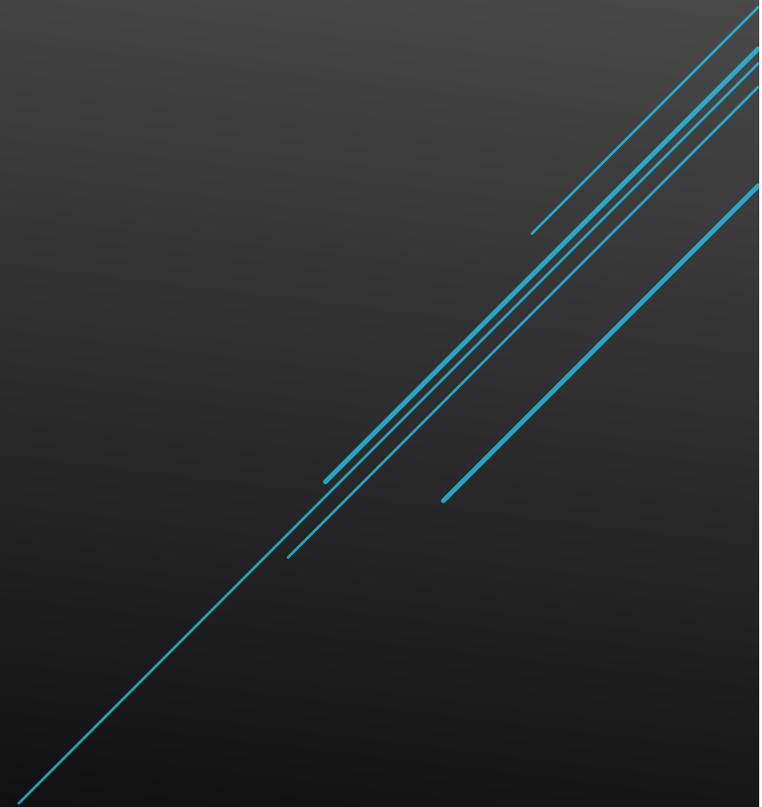


# THREE GREAT WORDS

## Propitiation

*A difficult word and doctrine—the word is drawn from the world of ancient religion.*

*God's righteous wrath against our sin must be turned aside. There is nothing we can do to appease God's wrath, but it is God Himself who satisfies His wrath through the atoning death of His Son, Jesus Christ.*



# THREE GREAT WORDS

## Justification (the central doctrine)

- *Justification is what God is able to do for us on the basis of propitiation. The word propitiation, though important for understanding justification, appears only 4 times in the NT. “Justification is found ninety-two times and the adjective “justified” eighty-one times more.*
- *A legal term borrowed from the courts. In justification, we are given a right standing before God through faith in Jesus Christ based on his atoning death on our behalf.*

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## Redemption-the most wonderful doctrine

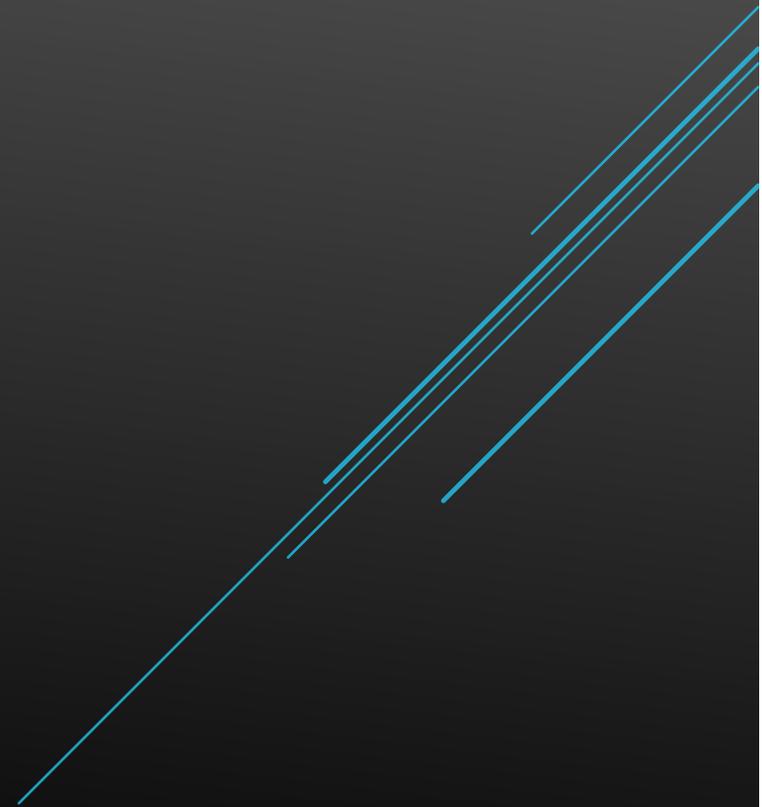
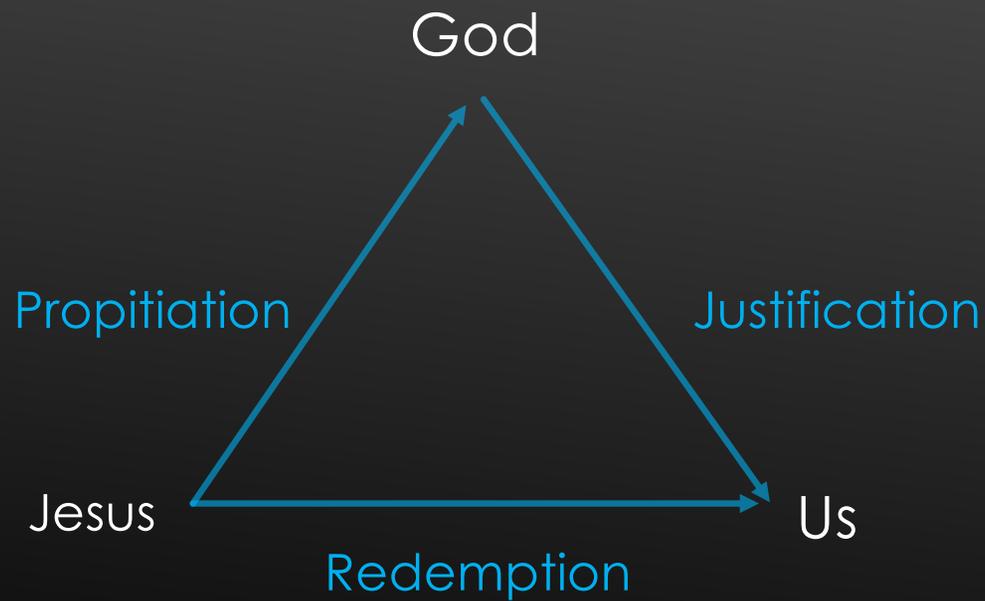
- *A commercial term having special meaning from ancient times as it might relate to buying a slave in order to set the slave free. That's exactly what Jesus has done for us—He has set us free from our bondage to sin and death by paying a price for us that only he could pay.*

# THREE GREAT WORDS

Peter said,

*For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.  
(1 Peter 1:18-19)*

# THREE GREAT WORDS



## A DEFINITION OF BIBLICAL FAITH

*If we are saved by faith in Jesus Christ, it is important for us to know what this really means.*

*Three important elements--*

- *Knowledge*
- *The moving of the heart*
- *Trust or commitment*

*How do the principles discussed by Paul in Romans 3:21-31 apply to the example of Abraham in Chapter 4? Is he an appropriate example of these principles?*

