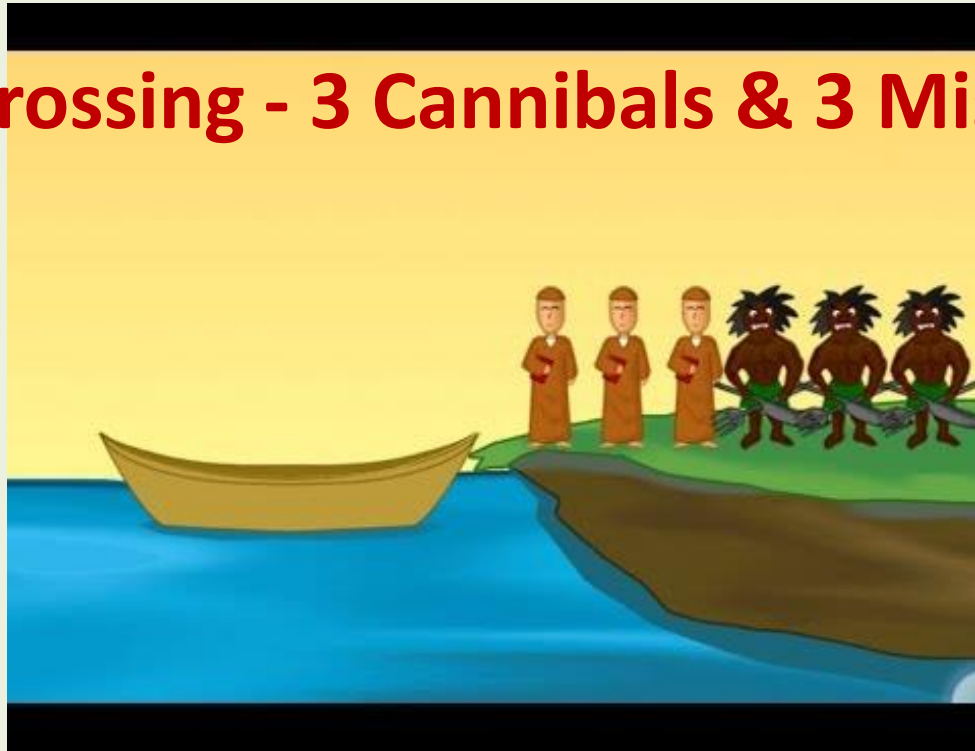




Romans 3:21-31

Here's a puzzle.

River Crossing - 3 Cannibals & 3 Missionaries



Here's another puzzle

- There's a God who is **absolutely perfect**.
Everything He does is right

And there are creatures He's made that He wants to be in a right relationship with Him

...Which means, they need to be perfect too.

here's another puzzle

- But they are far from perfect
- Now if God is perfect, He has to deal with the imperfect. Get rid of all the wrong. If He doesn't, He's not doing right. He's not just.

here's another puzzle

- But God loves His creatures. And He really, really wants them to be in a right relationship with Him. **So, how can He deal with the wrong, so as to do right.** Yet somehow **make right, those who are wrong?** There's a real puzzle.

Romans 3:23

Romans 3:23 *“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,…”*

The Good News!

vv.24-26

*“being **justified** freely by His grace through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth as a **propitiation** by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”*

The Good News!

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2. Salvation by Grace through Faith in Christ involves **Redemption**
3. Salvation by Grace through Faith in Christ involves **Atonement**

.....Justification

Not Guilty



...Redemption

**buying
back**

**Paying
the price**



***buying out
of slavery***

Atonement cover Mercy Seat



... Atonement

- Atonement is at-one-ment
- The blood of Jesus makes us at-one with God.
 - a) Sin needs to be wiped away; guilt removed.
“...*expiation*” (1 John 1:7)
 - b) God’s anger against sin must be appeased.
“...*propitiation*” (Romans 3:25)

God has given the results of His salvation

- It results in Humility (vs. 27-28)
- It results in Unity (vs. 29-30)
- It results in Continuity (vs. 31)

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Romans 3:23-24

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Prayer

- Dear Jesus Christ, Thank you for the good news. We has been saved through faith in you. In Jesus' name. Amen!