



## FINALLY THE TIDE TURNS!

ROMANS 3:9-31 \* FEBRUARY 19, 2023

### EXPANDING OUR VOCABULARY

- ➡ Sin: an \_\_\_\_\_ term = to \_\_\_\_\_ the mark (the result is \_\_\_\_\_ union).
- ➡ Justification: a \_\_\_\_\_ term = to be declared \_\_\_\_\_.
- ➡ Redemption: a \_\_\_\_\_ term = to buy your own or someone else's \_\_\_\_\_.
- ➡ Atonement: a \_\_\_\_\_ term = to \_\_\_\_\_ (propitiate) God's righteous demands against sinful people (to \_\_\_\_\_).

### THE UNIVERSAL PROBLEM

ROMANS 3:9-21

- ❶ Sin separates us from \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❷ Sin separates us from \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❸ Sin separates us from \_\_\_\_\_.

### THE UNIVERSAL CURE

ROMANS 3:21-26

With saving faith in Jesus...

- ❶ ...He \_\_\_\_\_ for my sin.
- ❷ ...He \_\_\_\_\_ me in spite of my sin.
- ❸ ...He \_\_\_\_\_ me from my sin.

### PAUL'S THREE QUESTIONS RESTATED

ROMANS 3:27-31

- ➡ Who deserves the \_\_\_\_\_ for salvation?
- ➡ Is salvation \_\_\_\_\_?
- ➡ What \_\_\_\_\_ does the Law play?

### LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. What are some ways we try to earn God's approval? In what ways are you tempted to bend the law or excuse your sin?
2. Read Romans 3:9-20. We are all sinners, and as a result, separated from God and dead spiritually—this is not necessarily a feeling people have but a condition they are in. How does this passage and the two below describe what it means for someone to be spiritually dead? (See also: Ephesians 2:1-3 & Titus 3:3)
3. Read Romans 3:21-26. This passage introduces several key words which help us to understand the nature of salvation. These include sin, justified, redemption, and atonement. In your own words, explain each word (refer to your notes). Explain what this phrase means: "through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe" (v. 22).
4. For what purpose was Christ allowed to die (verses 24-25)? How are God's grace and justice related?
5. Read Romans 3:27-31. Why does God's way of righteousness make it impossible for anyone to boast about himself? How does righteousness by faith in Christ uphold God's Law?
6. How should the fact that God has accepted and forgiven us through Christ affect our relationship...with God? ...with one another?