

“Jesus purifies me”

Read Romans 3:21-26

1. For those of you who heard Sunday’s sermon, how would you define “propitiation” to someone who had never heard of it? For those who weren’t there, it’s in Romans 3:25 and in 1 John 4:10 - though you may find you have a translation (e.g. NIV) which does not actually use the word “propitiation”.
2. What has brought the righteousness of God into jeopardy in the passage of Scripture we’ve just read?

(Note to Leader: The answer is given in 2 ways:

- a. It’s “because in his forbearance, he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished” - verse 25
- b. It’s because he justifies people who simply “believe” - verse 26)

3. Jesus’ mission was to vindicate the righteousness of God by drinking the cup of God’s wrath, and becoming a propitiation. What do you make of his struggle in John 12:27-28 and Luke 22:42?