

# ***“How God Makes the Gospel Work”***

*Amazed by Grace* • part 14

## INTRODUCTION

- the most important message of all...
- believers' responsibility to that message...

“We must not imagine ourselves commissioned to make Christ acceptable to big business, the press, the world of sports, or modern education. We are not diplomats but prophets, and our message is not a compromise, but an ultimatum.”  
– A.W. Tozer

“[Rom. 3:21-26 are] possibly the most important single paragraph ever written.”  
– Leon Morris

## ***1. The Revelation of the Gospel***

- how the gospel “has been manifested”  
Rom. 1:17; 3:21
- “apart from the Law”...“witnessed by the Law”
- “for all those who believe”

“The harlot, the liar, the murderer, are short of [God’s glory]; but so are you. Perhaps they stand at the bottom of a mine, and you on the crest of an Alp; but you are as little able to touch the stars as they.”  
– Handley Moule



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## ***2. The Requirement of the Gospel***

- **justification** — a legal term
  - + justification v. condemnation
  - + a legal declaration, not a moral declaration
  - + based on a double transfer  
Deut. 25:1; Prov. 17:15; Ex. 23:7; Rom. 4:5
- **redemption** — a commercial term
  - + bought back/delivered from a bondage  
Ex. 15:13; Isa. 43:1
  - + bought at the price of Christ’s blood  
Eph. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:18-19
- **propitiation** — a relational term
  - + paganism: assuaging the wrath of the gods
  - + Christianity: God assuaging His wrath upon Himself
  - + place of the OT sacrificial system  
Heb. 10:4; 9:11-12

## CONCLUSION

“In the gospel, we discover we are far worse off than we thought, and far more loved than we ever dreamed.”

– Steven Curtis Chapman