

8. THE BIBLE GPS ON ROMANS 3: 21-26

Objective: To apply the GPS method on Romans 3: 21-26

Agenda

1. A Test Drive
 2. How did the Bible come into being?
 3. Overview of the Bible
 4. The First process of the Bible GPS is *Understanding*.
 5. The Second process of the Bible GPS is *Application*.
The Third process of the Bible GPS is *Communication*.
 6. The Bible GPS on Galatians 5: 16-26
 7. The Bible GPS on Ephesians 5: 8-20
 8. *The Bible GPS on Romans 3: 21-26*
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UNDERSTANDING (S.T.A.R.T.)

1. Situation

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2. Type of literature

PROSE	POETRY in
Narrative	* Psalms
Procedure	* Prophets
Explanation	* Wisdom literature
Instruction	

3. Analyze the passage

3.1 Write out the passage in smaller units

3.2 Mark the significant meaning indicators

3.3 Explain difficult words and phrases

3.4 Establish the meaning structure

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3.5 Conclude and summarize the message to the original receiver

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Romans 3

21 But now God has shown us a way
to be made right with him
without keeping the requirements of the law,
as was promised in the writings of Moses
and the prophets long ago.

22 We are made right with God
by placing our faith in Jesus Christ.
And this is true for everyone who believes,
no matter who we are.

23 For everyone has sinned;
we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

24 Yet God, with undeserved kindness,
declares that we are righteous.
He did this through Christ Jesus
when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin.
People are made right with God
when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life,
shedding his blood.

This sacrifice shows that God was being fair
when he held back
and did not punish those who sinned in times past,

26 for he was looking ahead
and including them in
what he would do in this present time.

God did this to demonstrate his righteousness,
for he himself is fair and just,
and he declares sinners to be right in his sight
when they believe in Jesus.

(New Living Translation)

4. Relate the message to the broader Biblical and theological framework?

5. Test your findings

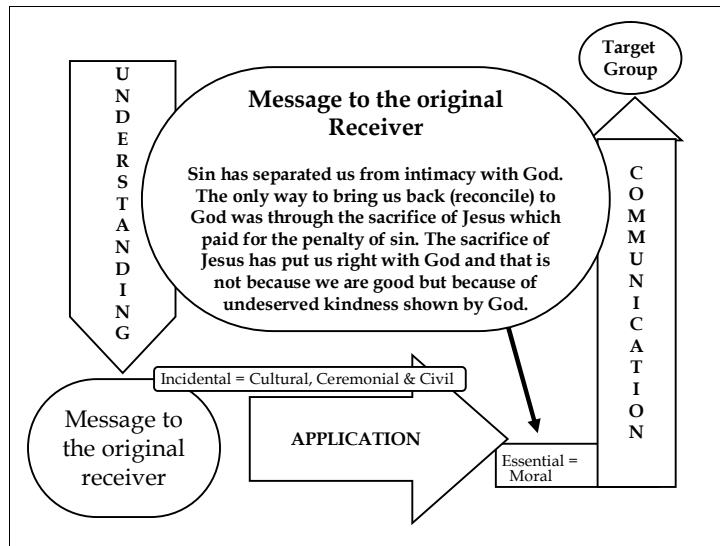
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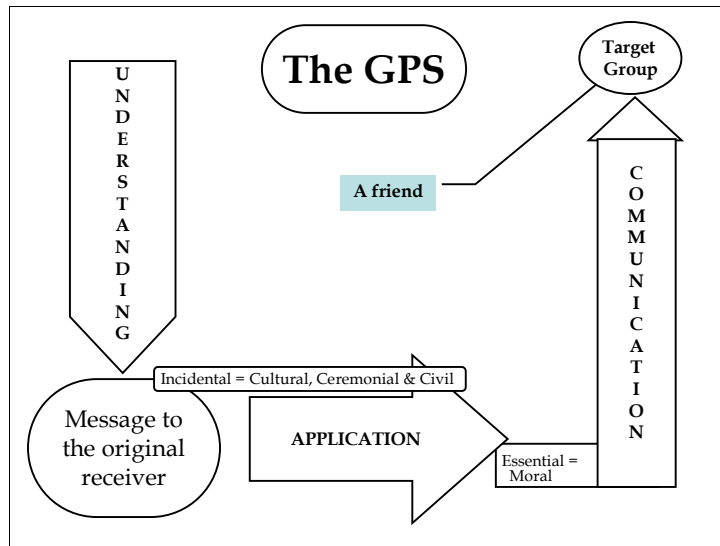
Message to
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**Message to the original
Receiver**

Sin has separated us from intimacy with God. The only way to bring us back (reconcile) to God was through the sacrifice of Jesus which paid for the penalty of sin. The sacrifice of Jesus has put us right with God and that is not because we are good but because of undeserved kindness shown by God.

The Bible as Your GPS





Scenario for group discussion: Your friend got a promotion and following the promotion she / he experienced that some of her / his colleagues were very jealous and did not treat her / him very well.

1. Discuss in the group how you will comfort her / him.

2. Share in your groups of situations in your life where you also experienced arrogance and jealousy and how you dealt with it.

3. Read Day 28 from "The Bible as Your GPS" or Page 36 from "Hearing God's Tweet"

