



Family preparation for congregational worship on January 15, 2017

Our Scripture-Romans 3:21-26 (ESV): ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Discuss:

1. What righteousness has been revealed?
2. What is the source of our righteousness?
3. How do we get this righteousness?

Prayer: Praise the Lord for His goodness. Praise the Lord for His perfect and holy justice. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for a stronger desire to be obedient to God's commands. Pray for our military personnel. Pray for your daily activities. Pray for Good News Jail and Prison ministries as they minister to the inmates in Eau Claire and Chippewa counties. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize (January): "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made." **John 1:1-3 (ESV)**

Music:

As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

My Father is omnipotent, and that you can't deny; A God of might and miracles 'Tis written in the sky.

*It took a miracle to put the stars in place; It took a miracle to hang the world in space.
But when He saved my soul, cleansed and made me whole, it took a miracle of love and grace.*

*The Bible tells us of His power and wisdom all the way through,
and every little bird and flower are testimonies too.*

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"It Took a Miracle", The Celebration Hymnal, #494, Word Music/Integrity Music © 1997

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 B E E N N C C H R I S T I
 F A L L F S H O W G F H V
 G R A C E W Y R T H A M I
 L J D I S T I N C T I O N
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BECAUSE	BEEN	BELIEVE
BLOOD	CHRIST	DISTINCTION
DIVINE	FAITH	FALL
FORBEARANCE	FORMER	FORWARD
GIFT	GLORY	GRACE
JESUS	JUSTIFIED	MANIFESTED
PASSED	PRESENT	PROPHETS
RIGHTEOUSNESS	SHOW	SINS