

To the Church in Rome

How Are We Justified?

Romans 4

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Introduction:

- Last week we covered:
 - God is faithful – **Genesis 12:3 ... Genesis 17:5**
 - No one is righteous – **Romans 3:23**
 - Righteousness comes through faith:
 - Assent –
 - Trust –
- **Romans 3:28**
- Greek – **Dikaioo** (*Dee-Ky-Oh*) ... English – **Justified** ... “*The act of clearing someone of transgressions ... To acquit ... To set free ... To remove guilt.*”
- Greek – **Ergon** ... English – **Observing** ... “*That which one does ... Work ... Task or deed.*”
- Some say all you must do is “Have Faith” – But that negates **Matthew 28** and the Book of **Acts**.
- There are two camps:
 - Faith Alone –
 - Faith and Repentance –
- Both camps negate what Jesus and the Apostles teach.
- They claim that anything other than faith is a “Work.”
- **Romans 3:28**
- But God deals with people differently as Creator and Redeemer.
 - Creator – God gives creation the Law System – You either obey it or disobey it.
 - If you disobey it, you face the wrath.
 - Obey it perfectly, you get the reward.
 - Redeemer – He works out salvation under the Grace System, where He takes our place.
 - Grace System – He gives us instructions as to how we receive a pardon. We call these the Terms of Pardon.
 - Grace has nothing to do with the Law, because it is part of the Grace System.
 - Terms of Pardon cannot be called Works of Law and Works of Law cannot be so ambiguous as to mean anything a person does other than faith.

1. **How was Abraham Justified?**

a. **Romans 4:1-3**

- b. **Romans 3:27-28**
- c. Works Based Salvation – Good deeds for God is what keeps me in His Grace.
- d. **Romans 4:3**
- e. Greek – **Pisteuo** (*Pea-Stew-O*) ... English – **Believed** ... “*To believe to the extent of complete trust and reliance ... To have confidence in.*”
- f. **Genesis 15:6**
- g. What if Abraham did not follow God’s instructions or ignored His instructions?
 - i. Genesis 12 –
 - ii. Genesis 17 –
 - iii. Genesis 22 –
- h. Faith has two parts:
 - i. Assent –
 - ii. Trust –
- i. Greek – **Pisteuo** (*Pea-Stew-O*) ... English – **Believed** ... “*To believe to the extent of complete trust and reliance ... To have confidence in.*”
- j. **Romans 4:6-8**
- k. Greek – **Logizomai** (*Low-Geezo-My*) ... English – **Credited** ... “*Record of accounts, both debits and credits.*”
- l. Imputation – To credit something to someone as if it were always theirs.
- m. Greek – **Paradiesos** ... English – **Paradise** ... “*Place of comfort, peace, and rest.*”
- n. **Luke 16:19-31**
- o. **Luke 23:42-43**

2. How do we become Justified?

- a. **Romans 4:16-17**
- b. **Romans 3:22-24**
- c. There are two extremes: Both are wrong.
 - i. Faith Only – Once saved, Always saved.
 - ii. Works Based Salvation
- d. What is Justification?
- e. Greek – **Dikaioo** (*Dee-Ky-Oh*) ... English – **Justified** ... “*The act of clearing someone of transgressions ... To acquit ... To set free ... To remove guilt.*”
- f. “Just-As-If-I’d” – Never sinned.
- g. When I respond to the Terms of Pardon – I put on Jesus’ Robe of Righteousness.

3. Where do we find hope?

- a. Greek – **Elpis** (*L-Piece*) ... English – **Hope** ... “*To look forward with confidence to that which is good and beneficial.*”
- b. Many people ask, “Where is the hope?”
- c. **Romans 4:18-25**
- d. **Hebrews 11:1**
- e. **Romans 4:23-25**
- f. Assurance of Heaven – Now that is hope.

