

Roaming thru Romans Series
“Justification by Faith Defended”
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Lesson #7

TEXT: Rom. 4:1-12 (Justification by faith is illustrated and Demonstrated.)

I. Justification was not by works **before** the law. **Rom. 4:1-4**
Abraham found another way for a man in the flesh to be justified.

- a. If Abraham was justified by works
 1. He has reasons to glory in himself
 2. God would be indebt to Abraham to reward him for his works.
- b. If Abraham was justified by faith alone
 1. He has reasons to glory in God alone
 2. His faith was counted for righteousness
- c. What Abraham found
 1. That works, rewards, and debt goes together.
 2. That believe (faith), grace, and God’s righteousness goes together.

II. Justification was not by works **under** the law. **Rom. 4: 5-8**
a. Justification **clears** you from what you have done. (sins)
b. Justification **clothes** you in what Christ has done. (righteousness)
c. **David’s three greatest blessings:** *This is the essence of Grace*

1. righteousness imputed (put to your account) without works
2. iniquities (sins) are forgiven, because they are covered
 - a. In the old testament by blood of animals (type)
 - b. In the new testament by the blood of Christ
3. will not (in the future) impute sins to him

III. Justification was not by **ordinances. Rom. 4: 9-12**
Was the three point blessings mentioned by David for the circumcision (Jews) only, or for the uncircumcision (Gentiles) also?

- a. Abraham was justified by faith while he was still uncircumcised
- b. Abraham received the sign of circumcision (a cutting off of the physical flesh, which was a type of separation from the first birth of the flesh), which was a seal of the righteousness he already had received.
- c. Abraham was the father of all who believe, by receiving God’s righteousness by faith before he was circumcised, that shows that righteousness might be imputed to Gentiles also.

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