

## No ONE Can BOAST ~ Romans 3:27- 4:5

→Scripture Reading Romans 3:10-11, 21-24

### INTRODUCTION

**Romans 3:10, 21-22** (NIV) As it is written: "There is NO ONE righteous, NOT even ONE..."

<sup>21</sup> But now a righteousness FROM God, apart from law, has been MADE KNOWN... <sup>22</sup> This righteousness from God comes through FAITH in Jesus Christ to ALL who BELIEVE...

### Justified by FAITH ~ Romans 3:27-31

<sup>27</sup> Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

When Luther translated this passage, he added the word ALONE, which, though not in the Greek, **accurately reflects the meaning.** NIV

<sup>28</sup> For we maintain that a man is justified by FAITH [ALONE] apart from observing the law.

<sup>29</sup> Is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too,

**Genesis 12:3** (NIV) I will BLESS those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and ALL peoples on EARTH will be blessed THROUGH you.

<sup>30</sup> since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith.

<sup>22</sup> ...There is NO difference, <sup>23</sup> for ALL have sinned and FALL SHORT of the glory of God,

<sup>24</sup> and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. (NIV)

<sup>31</sup> Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.

<sup>31</sup> Are we then undermining the Law by this insistence on faith? Not a bit of it! We put the Law in its proper place. (JBP)

<sup>3:20</sup> For NO ONE is declared righteous before Him by the works of the law, for through the law comes the KNOWLEDGE of sin. (NET)

### IMPLICATION

#### →Saved BY Faith ALONE

<sup>28</sup> We see now that a man is JUSTIFIED before God by the fact of his FAITH in God's appointed Savior and NOT by what he has managed to achieve under the Law. (JBP)

**Justification is...** HNTC

- to DECLARE or PRONOUNCE Righteous
- positive ACTION which CREDITS Righteousness
- based on the FINISHED Work Christ

<sup>27</sup> Can we BOAST, then, that we have DONE anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on FAITH. (NLT)

**Why FAITH?** LAB

- Faith Eliminates the PRIDE in our self-efforts - NOT a DEED that we DO
- Faith EXALTS what God has DONE - NOT what we DO
- Faith ADMITS that we never MEASURE UP to God's standards - we NEED His HELP

**Ephesians 2:8-9** (NLT) God saved you by His grace when you BELIEVED. And you can't take credit for this; it is a GIFT from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is NOT a reward for the good things we have done, so NONE of us can BOAST about it.

## Abraham BELIEVED God ~ Romans 4:1-5

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter? <sup>2</sup>If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about - but not before God.

Faith is about BELIEVING not about DOING.

**Genesis 26:5** (NIV) ...because Abraham OBEYED ME and kept MY requirements, MY commands, MY decrees and MY laws.

<sup>3</sup>What does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness" Paul

**Genesis 15:6** (NLT) And Abram BELIEVED the LORD, and the LORD COUNTED him as RIGHTEOUS because of his FAITH.

<sup>4</sup>Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation.

**PAY** and **GIFT** are as different as **WORKS** and **FAITH**. Paul describes God as having a set of books of the kind an accountant has. God Imputed or **CREDITED** Righteousness to Abraham's account because of his **FAITH**. HCSB

<sup>5</sup>However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.

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To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly BELIEVES,  
That **MOMENT** from Jesus a pardon receives.

## IMPLICATION

### →Basic Principles of Bible Understanding

Context

Historical Setting

Clear interprets the Less Clear

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**Genesis 15:6** (NLT) And Abram BELIEVED the LORD, and the LORD COUNTED him as RIGHTEOUS because of his FAITH.

**2 Timothy 2:15** (NIV) Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the **WORD** of **TRUTH**.

## TAKE AWAY ??

### →Salvation is a **GIFT** to us **FROM** God

<sup>4:5</sup> But to the one who does not work, but BELIEVES on Him who declares the ungodly to be Righteous, his FAITH is CREDITED for Righteousness. (HCS)

**Luke 18:9** (NIV) To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable:

**Luke 18:14** (NIV) I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home JUSTIFIED before God.

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

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