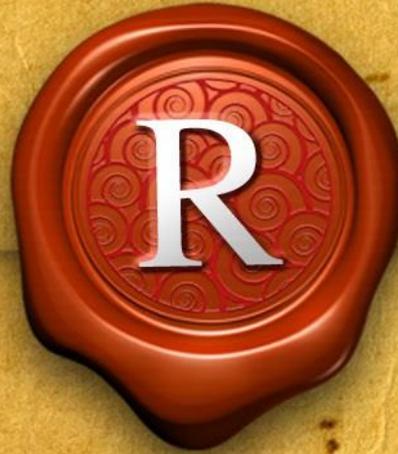


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**The Good News,
Chapter 4**

Terms

Justification - God is the judge of all the world. Justification is the declaration that someone is in the right, specifically in the promised family. It is a declaration now of what will be in the final judgment.

Righteous – When used of God refers to his covenant faithfulness. God fulfills his covenant promises, therefore, he is faithful and righteous.

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷ For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last,^[e] just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

Romans 3:21-26

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² **This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.** There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace** through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—**to be received by faith.** He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one **who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.**

Romans 3:29-31

Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, ³⁰ since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. ³¹ Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.

Romans 4:1 CEV,

So what are we going to say? Are we going to find that Abraham is our ancestor on the basis of genealogy?

Romans 4:1-5

- The promises were given to Abraham and God will keep them.
- The people of God are Abraham's descendants, but how is that family defined?
- Was Abraham's family defined by keeping the works of the Law?
- What could he put his confidence in?

Romans 4:6-8 NIV

David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the one to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

“Blessed are those
whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the one
whose sin the Lord will never count against them.”

Romans 4:6-8

- The Law cannot bring forgiveness of sin
- You can never be moral enough to earn forgiveness of sin
- You can never stop sinning enough to earn forgiveness of sin
- The Law divides
- Even morality divides

Romans 4:9-17

- Abraham's family was built on his faith in God's promises
- He didn't even have the Law
- Abraham had nothing to earn his status
- It was through living as though God's promises were true
- This is the only universal status that goes beyond division

Romans 4:17 NIV

As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.”^[c] He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

Romans 4:18-21

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”^[d] ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

Romans 4:22-25

This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” ²³ The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Romans 5:1-11

- The life of Christ is the only way to end division
- It is the only way to be freed from idolatry
- It is the only way to have confidence
- It is the only way to be forgiven and reconciled
- It is the only way to escape uncertainty

Psalm 8

- what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?^[c]
- ⁵ You have made them^[d] a little lower than the angels^[e]
and crowned them^[f] with glory and honor.
⁶ You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their^[g] feet:
⁷ all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,
⁸ the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.
- ⁹ LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Romans 5:12-21

Two Humanities	
First Adam	Last Adam
Set a pattern of idolatry	Christ was the image of God
Forfeited Kingship	Realized Kingship
Sin and enslavement resulted	He allows us to be forgiven in him
This leads to death	Leads to life
Nothing can break this power	Nothing can Compare to this Gift

- * Nothing, AZ
- * Boogertown, NC
- * Embarrass, IL
- * Looneyville, WV
- * Tightwad, MO
- * Goofy Ridge, IL
- * Toad Suck, AR
- * Boring, OR
- * Dull, OH
- * Ding Dong, TX
- * Bitter End, TN
- * Nuttsville, VA
- * Defeated, TN
- * Suck-Egg Hollow, TN
- * Zero, MT
- * Hell, MI

BOASTING IN HIM

- * *Psalms 34:1-2*
- * *Psalms 44:8*
- * *Jeremiah 9:23-24*
- * *1 Corinthians 1:28-31*
- * *Galatians 6:13-14*
- * *Philippians 1:25-26*
- * *Philippians 3:1-2*
- * *Romans 5:1-2*
- * *Romans 5:10-11*

BOASTING IN THEM

- ◆ *2 Corinthians 1:13-14*
- ◆ *2 Corinthians 7:2-4*
- ◆ *2 Corinthians 7:13-16*
- ◆ *2 Corinthians 9:1-2*
- ◆ *Hebrews 2:11*

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Genesis 15:1-6

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your shield,
your very great reward.”

But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?”

And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

Then the word of the Lord came to him:

“This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.”

He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars – if indeed you can count them.”

Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.