

THREE GREAT FACTS ABOUT JUSTIFICATION – ROMANS 4

INTRODUCTION: We should master this chapter. It explains how God _____ ungodly people through the _____ and _____ of Jesus Christ. Paul uses the example of _____ to prove three great facts about justification.

I: JUSTIFICATION IS BY FAITH, NOT WORKS (1-8)

1. Works are _____.
2. Note the words “reckon,” “impute,” and “count” in 3-6, 8-11, and 22-24. They mean the same thing: TO PUT TO A MAN'S _____.

Justification means righteousness _____ (put to my account) ... it gives me right _____ before _____.

Sanctification means righteousness _____ (made a part of my life) ...it gives a right _____ before _____, so they _____ I am a _____.

3. David taught justification by faith, apart from _____ (Psalm 32:1-2), as recorded in verse 5.

II: JUSTIFICATION IS BY GRACE, AND NOT LAW (9-17)

1. What about the _____ God made with Abraham? Paul points out that Abraham's _____ and _____ took place fourteen years before he was _____!!!

Circumcision was the _____ of the _____ (like what New Testament ordinance? _____).

2. Key word in this section is _____ (13,14,16). God's promise to Abraham was not given in connection with law or circumcision, but by _____! (read Genesis 15)

III: JUSTIFICATION IS BY RESURRECTION POWER, NOT HUMAN EFFORT (18-25)

1. Paul identifies God as “He Who gives life to the dead” (v. 17). In reality, Abraham and Sarah were _____, but when the _____ is dead, then the resurrection power of the Spirit can go to _____!

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2. We marvel at the _____ of Abraham...all he had was the _____ of God; yet he believed this promise, gave the glory to God, and _____ the blessing.
3. Was Abraham somebody special? NO, says verse 24. We are _____ the same way.
4. The final verse explains the _____ for justification: the death and resurrection of Christ.

CONCLUSION: Here is a summary

FAITH	not	_____
GIFT	not	_____
GRACE	not	_____
RESURRECTION	not	_____
POWER		_____