



Introduction

- The message of Romans: *For in the Gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'* 1:17
- Background
- Justification = 'declared righteous'

1:1-3:20 Justification by Faith Alone is Necessary

But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. 2:5

- God's wrath is our biggest problem
- No one can be justified by their works

3:21-28 Justification by Faith Alone is Sufficient

Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. 3:22

- A sacrifice of atonement, a propitiation
- Two places where God's wrath can be satisfied

Ch. 4 Justification by faith alone did not begin in the New Testament

What does the Scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.' 4:3

- Is justification by faith really biblical?
- Imputation

Ch. 5 The benefits of justification by faith alone in Christ

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we^a have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 5:1



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- Have you spent time praising Him for the many benefits that have accrued to you as a result of His work on your behalf?
 - Second Adam- how gracious is God that many sins are covered by one man, Jesus Christ!

Ch. 6-8 Justification by faith alone but justifying faith is never alone

- Ch. 6 Justification by faith leads to a more righteous life

We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. 6:2-4

- Chapter 7 & 8: the reality of ongoing sin, but also the certain hope of final victory for all who believe.

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. 8:29-30

Ch. 9-11 Justification of God to man

It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. 9:6-7

- Salvation isn't a birthright, but something that God works as he chooses for His Name's Sake!
 1. God has the right to save some, and not save others (9:19-21).
 2. God's reveals His justice and mercy in the condemnation and salvation of sinners (9:22-24).
 3. God has not changed his way of dealing with people- all must confess and believe (10:9-10,13).

Ch. 12-16 Justification by faith alone produces renewed lives and relationships

Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. 13:10

- Individually
- Civically
- Corporately within the church



Romans Study Outline

- I. Introducing Justification by Faith Alone (1:1-17)
- II. Justification by Faith Alone is Necessary (1:18-3:20)
- III. Justification by Faith Alone is Sufficient (3:21-28)
- IV. Justification by faith alone is biblical (4)
- V. The benefits of Justification by faith alone (5)
 - 1. Justified (5:1)
 - 2. Peace with God (5:1)
 - 3. Access to His grace which preserves (5:2)
 - 4. Hope of glory (5:2)
 - 5. An attitude of rejoicing even in suffering (5:3)
 - 6. Love of God poured out into our hearts (5:5)
 - 7. Saved from God's wrath (5:9)
 - 8. Reconciliation with God (5:10)
- VI. Justification by faith alone is not antinomian (6)
- VII. Justification by faith alone is victorious (7-8)
- VIII. Justification by faith alone is credible (9-11)
 - 1. God has the right to save some and not others (9:19-21).
 - 2. In both condemnation and salvation God reveals His justice and His mercy (9:22-29).
 - 3. God continues to maintain a remnant who will believe. (10:9-17)
- IX. Justification by faith alone produces holiness, love & humility (12-16)
 - 1. Individual
 - 2. Corporate
 - 3. Social/Civil