

Text: Romans 4

Subject: "Accounted for Righteousness"

AN IMPORTANT REVIEW

1. The Example of Abraham

- a) The Scriptures clearly stated

*"Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."
Romans 4:3*

- b) The Original statement

*And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.
Genesis 15:6*

- c) It was clear to Paul

- i) God is the Justifier
- ii) God accounted righteousness to Abraham
- iii) The basis was his "belief" (faith) in God

2. Paul's conclusion

*But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly,
his faith is accounted for righteousness Romans 4:5*

- a) It is not work that results in Justification
- b) It is God who justifies
- c) God can justify even the ungodly
- d) Faith's blessing is to be accounted righteousness by God

WHAT IS JUSTIFICATION?

⁶ *just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes
righteousness apart from works:*

⁷ *"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
And whose sins are covered;*

⁸ *Blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin."*

Romans 4:5-8

1. Justification deals with the issue of sin

- a) One key issue is the subject of Sin”
- b) Sin has many aspects:
 - i) Sin is omission
 - ii) Sin is transgression
 - iii) Sin is also iniquity
- c) The sinner is therefore liable
 - i) To be judged by God
 - ii) To be tried
 - iii) To be found guilty
 - iv) To be sentenced
 - v) To be punished

2. Justification deals with the Issue of Forgiveness of sins

- a) Blessed that all lawless deeds are forgiven (Transgressions)
- b) Blessed that all sins are covered
- c) Blessed that God would not impute sin to the sinner

3. Paul cited a Psalm written by David

*¹Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered.*

*² Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no deceit.
Psalm 32:1-2*

- a) Transgression is forgiven
- b) Sin is covered

- c) God does not impute iniquity

OTHER IMPORTANT TEXTS THAT DEAL WITH THE ISSUE OF SIN

1. Isaiah 44

*I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions,
And like a cloud, your sins.*

Return to Me, for I have redeemed you. Isaiah 44:22

- a) Transgressions are blotted out like with a thick cloud
- b) Sins are blotted out like with a cloud
- c) This is how God redeems

2. Psalm 103

*¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
Nor punished us according to our iniquities.*

*¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;*

*¹² As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.*

Psalm 103:10-12

- a) God has not dealt with us according to our sins
- b) He has not punished us according to our iniquities
- c) He has removed our transgressions far from us

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To appreciate afresh our Justification

- a) Our sins and transgressions have been fully dealt with
- b) We are forgiven!

2. Justification teaches us that we have been redeemed by God

3. Let us treasure our Justification that comes by faith in the Lord