



Romans 1-8

Justification

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- f) Romans 4:5b – Abraham trusted in the Lord. His faith was *in the One who justifies the ungodly.*
- 1) Biblical faith is not an aura of good will or a good feeling about God.
 - 2) Biblical faith always has an object. The worthy object of Abraham's faith, the coming Deliverer, was totally capable of saving him. John 8:56

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- g) Romans 4:5c – Abraham found that God declares the ungodly right with Him through faith and not through personal merit, as expressed in *who justifies the ungodly*.

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- h) Romans 4:5b – When a person believes on the Lord Jesus Christ, God counts his faith as righteousness.
- i) John 8:56 – In whom did Abraham trust? He trusted in the coming Messiah Jesus Christ, even though he did not know His name or the exact work He would do.

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2. Romans 4:6-8 – **David** discovered that justification before God is based on God's grace, *blessed is the man...*

a) Romans 4:6 – David discovered justification by grace when he understood the blessedness of God's crediting righteousness to his account apart from works.

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- b) Romans 4:7a – David saw justification by grace in the blessing of undeserved forgiveness of his lawless deeds.
- c) Romans 4:7b – David saw justification by grace in the blessing of undeserved removal of sin from God's sight.
- d) Romans 4:8 – David saw justification by grace in the blessing of God's not taking his sins into account.

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3. Romans 4:9-12 – Abraham's salvation proves that justification is by **grace** through **faith** alone apart from ritual.
 - a) Romans 4:9 – Is justification by faith through grace for the Jewish nation only and not for other nations? Was it only for Abraham, the Jew, that God reckoned faith as righteousness?
 - b) Romans 4:10-11a – Abraham was justified before God instituted the ritual of circumcision.

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- c) Romans 4:11b – Abraham was still a Gentile when God declared him righteous; therefore, God can declare non-Jews and the uncircumcised right with Him.

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- d) Romans 4:11c – Anyone in the world, Jewish or non-Jewish, circumcised or uncircumcised, can be saved without any ritual.
- e) Romans 4:12 – Trusting in God as Abraham did, ensures justification. Religious rituals such as baptism, communion, confirmation, infant baptism, circumcision, going to church, praying, lighting candles, walking the aisle, etc. in no way affect justification.

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4. Romans 4:13-15 – Abraham's salvation proved that justification is by **grace** through **faith** alone, apart from obeying the **Ten** Commandments. Galatians 3:15-18

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- a) Romans 4:13 – God did not fulfill His promise to Abraham and his descendants because Abraham obeyed the Law, but rather because he believed God's promise.
- b) Romans 4:14 – If righteousness or salvation came through obeying the Ten Commandments, two things would happen.

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- 1) Romans 4:14a – ...*faith is made void*... Faith in Christ's death on the cross would have no value or significance in saving fallen mankind. We would save ourselves by our own efforts.
- 2) Romans 4:14b – ...*the promise nullified*... Salvation would not be based on God's promise to save those who trust Christ but rather on man's personal worthiness.

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c) Romans 4:15a – Beware you who believe people are saved by obeying the Law! The Law does not bring salvation; rather, it brings the wrath of God.

Romans 3:19-20

d) Romans 4:15b – Abraham was declared right with God long before the Law existed, thereby proving that man can be declared right with God apart from the Law. Romans 3:28

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5. Romans 4:16 – Abraham’s salvation proves that justification is through a **faith** that accords with grace.

a) Romans 4:16a – Only faith accords perfectly with God’s grace.

1) Since faith is not a work (Romans 4:5), it is harmonious with grace.

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- 2) If faith were some kind of work, salvation would not be by grace because grace is unmerited favor given for free. Romans 11:6, Ephesians 2:8-9
- 3) Do you remember God's promise to Abraham that pertains to all mankind? *All the families of the earth shall be blessed...* Genesis 12:3.

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b) Romans 4:16b – God's grace is for all who believe in Christ, regardless of national or cultural ethnicity.

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6. Romans 4:17-25 – Abraham’s testimony proves that justification is by God’s power without any human effort.
 - a) Romans 4:17 – Abraham’s faith was not based on his own ability. Contrary to popular belief, God helps those who cannot help themselves.
 - b) Romans 4:18 – Abraham’s faith was not based on feelings.

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- c) Romans 4:19 – Abraham’s faith was not based on human possibilities.
- d) Romans 4:20a – Abraham’s faith was not based on sight.
- e) Romans 4:20b – Abraham’s faith grew stronger as time passed.
- f) Romans 4:21 – Abraham’s faith was not based on circumstances but rather on God’s promise.

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- g) Romans 4:22 – Abraham was counted right with God when he believed in God.
- h) Romans 4:23-25 – Abraham is not the only one saved by faith. So are you!
 - 1) Romans 4:23 – The Scripture that says *and Abraham believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness* was written for us, too.

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2) Romans 4:24 – This written testimony declares that only faith can make us right with God. We are made right with God the moment we believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

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- 3) Romans 4:25 – This is the Gospel clearly spelled out. Jesus was delivered up for our sins and raised again for our justification.
- 4) Romans 4:24-25 – We are made right with God when we personally trust in Christ and His death for our sins and His resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

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The End Results of Justification

C. Romans 5:1-11 – The end results of Justification

1. Romans 5:1-5a – The **privileges** of being made right with God ...*having been justified by faith...*

The End Results of Justification

- a) Romans 5:1 – ***Past*** view: We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- b) Romans 5:2a – ***Present*** perspective: Through faith in Christ, we gain access to God and a permanent standing in His grace.

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- c) Romans 5:2b – ***Future*** outlook: We rejoice that God guarantees we absolutely will experience His glory.
- d) Romans 5:3-4 – ***A new outlook on life:*** We have the ability to rejoice in all our trials.
 - 1) Romans 5:3 – Because we know that our trials produce endurance (perseverance).

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- 2) Romans 5:4a – Because we know that our trials produce integrity (proven character).
- 3) Romans 5:4a – Because we know that our trials produce optimistic anticipation (hope and confidence).

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- e) Romans 5:5a – *A new inner peace*: We have God's love poured into our hearts. Ephesians 1:3-4, Colossians 2:10-15, 2 Peter 1:3-4

The End Results of Justification

2. Romans 5:5b-10 – The **permanence** of having been declared right with God (justified): The Trinity at **work**

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- a) Romans 5b – God the Holy Spirit indwells us permanently. He never leaves us. Romans 8:9, Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:30
- b) Romans 5:6-9 – The Lord Jesus Christ is our perfect Substitute who fully paid our sin debt. For whom did Christ die?

The End Results of Justification

- 1) Romans 5:18 – He died for all.
1 Timothy 2:5-6, 4:10
- 2) Matthew 20:28 – He died for many.
- 3) Romans 5:6 – He died for the ungodly.
- 4) Romans 5:8 – He died for sinners.
- 5) Hebrews 2:9 – He died for every man.

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- 6) John 3:16 – He died for the world.
- 7) 1 John 2:2 – He died for the whole world.
- 8) John 11:50-51 – He died for the whole nation of Israel.
- 9) Ephesians 5:25 – He died for the Church.

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10) John 10:11 – He died for His sheep.

11) 2 Peter 2:1 – He died for Christ-
deniers.

12) Isaiah 53:6 – He died for all of us.

13) Galatians 2:20 – He died for me too!

The End Results of Justification

- c) Romans 5:10 – God the Father gave us precious promises. We have His sure and firm promises *through the death of His Son.*

The End Results of Justification

3. Romans 5:9-10 – Three **perspectives** of having been declared right with God; the three **tenses** of salvation
 - a) Romans 5:9a – ***Justification*** - We were justified forever by His death at a point in time in the **past**.

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- b) Romans 5:9b – ***Glorification*** - We will be saved from the wrath of God in the future.
- c) Romans 5:10 – ***Sanctification*** - We are saved by His life in the present in an ongoing sense. Romans 8:11, Colossians 1:27, 3:4; Philippians 1:20-22; 1 Corinthians 1:30-31; Galatians 2:20b

The End Results of Justification

4. Romans 5:11 – The **product** of being declared right with God in our daily lives
 - a) Romans 5:11a – We revel in our God.
 - b) Romans 5:11b – We rejoice through our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - c) Romans 5:11c – We recognize our new standing of acceptance to God.

Phases One - Justification

Phase #1

Saved from the
Penalty of sin

Titus 3:5

Acts 16:31

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Your were justified before God
the moment you believed
in Christ's person and work.
This only happens once in life.
This is God's work!

He saved us, not on the basis of
deeds which we have done in
righteousness. They said, "Believe in the
His name, and you will be
regenerated." **Lord Jesus, and you will be
saved, you and your
household."** Acts 16:31

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Identification Truths

IV. Romans 5:12-21— Truths of Identification, a Precursor to Understanding Sanctification.

A. Romans 5:12-21 – The two identities that sum up all humanity - 1 Corinthians 15:20-22, 45-49

1. God identifies all humanity in (with) one of two men: the *First Adam* or the *Last Adam* (Christ). 1 Corinthians 15:45, Philippians 3:20-21

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2. God deems you a member of one of these two lineages. John 3:3,5-6, Galatians 6:15
3. Adam and Christ are like national leaders who represent the two branches of humanity. Thus, in his epistles, Paul often referred to the believer as being *in Christ*. Ephesians 1:3,4,6,7,10-11,13

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4. In God's assessment, whatever is true of your *national head*, Christ or Adam, is true of you. 1 Corinthians 15:22
5. You must grow in your understanding of who you are in Christ (your true identity as a believer) in order to enjoy your position to the full. 2 Corinthians 5:17

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6. Because you were born again, God identifies you with Christ twenty-four hours a day seven days a week, forever. John 17:23, Ephesians 2:6, Colossians 3:3
7. What about you? At any given time in both your daily life and your thought-life, you are either identifying yourself with Adam (your former head) or with Christ (your new head). John 15:4-5

Identification Truths

B. Romans 5:12-15 – The heritage given us by the two branches of humanity (Adam's and Christ's)

1. Romans 5:12-14 – **Adam**, our old head, gave us a terrible heritage.

a) Romans 5:12a – The one man Adam brought sin into the human race.

Identification Truths

- b) Romans 5:12b – Sadly, we received the sentence of death from Adam’s sin.
- c) Romans 5:12c – Death was handed down to us because of our relationship to Adam.
- 1) Romans 5:12d – Not only did we inherit death from Adam, but, like him, we also deserve death because we have sinned.

Identification Truths

- 2) Romans 5:13a – From Adam to Moses, before the Ten Commandments existed, everyone died because of sin.
- 3) Romans 5:13b – Since they could break no law as had Adam, God did not impute their personal sins to them as a *transgression* or as a breaking of a law.

Identification Truths

- 4) Romans 5:14a – Even though God did not impute their sins as *transgressions*, humans from the time of Adam to Moses still died because of the sin nature and the sin penalty imputed, or passed down, to them from Adam.
- 5) Romans 5:14b – Even though people from the time of Adam to Moses did not break a law as had Adam, all like Adam, died.

Identification Truths

- d) Romans 5:14c – **Adam** was a type of Christ, *a type of Him who was to come.*
- 1) Adam was a type of Christ in that he was the progenitor of the race of humanity who all bore his likeness and his characteristics. 1 Corinthians 15:44-49

Identification Truths

- 2) As a type of Christ, Adam stands before God as the representative of his branch of humanity just as Christ stands before God as the representative of His branch.
- 3) The sin, death, and judgment that Adam possessed, his children possess as well. In the same way, whatever Christ possesses, His children also possess.

Identification Truths

2. Romans 5:15 – **Christ**, our new head, gives His branch of humanity (us) a blessed heritage.
 - a) Through his sin, Adam passed the death penalty to all who are in Adam.
 - b) Conversely, *in Christ* we receive the free gift of God's grace because of Christ's righteousness.

Identification Truths

- 1) This free gift is not like the death curse that the man Adam bestowed on his line, except that all who belong to the “national” head, *the many* in Adam, inherit it.
- 2) This free gift is the grace of God abounding through the Man Christ Jesus to His lineage, *the many* of Christ.

Identification Truths

C. Romans 5:16 – Two Legacies

1. Romans 5:16a – **Adam** gained us the judgment that came from his one transgression.

a) Adam's one sin brought God's judgment against us.

b) God's judgment against us brought our condemnation.

Identification Truths

2. Romans 5:16b – **Christ** gained for us the free gift (saving grace), resulting in justification.
 - a) Christ procured for us the salvation grace of God.
 - b) This free gift resulted in God's declaring us righteous.

Identification Truths

D. Romans 5:17 – Two Dominions

1. Romans 5:17a – Adam's transgression brought death's dominion. His reign is one of death.
 - a) Adam's one transgression caused death to reign as king among his descendants.
 - b) Since the fall, death has reigned through Adam (*the one man*) among his people.

Identification Truths

2. Romans 5:17b – **Christ's** obedient act (His death on the cross) brought life's dominion; He gives to His own both abundant and eternal life. John 7:38
 - a) Christ's people, who have received the abundance of God's grace, reign in life.

Identification Truths

- b) Christ's people, who have also received the gift of justification (being made right with God), reign in life. (*Gift* here is the Greek word DOREA, meaning free gift.)
2 Corinthians 11:7, Ephesians 3:7,
Revelation 22:6,17

Identification Truths

E. Romans 5:18 – Two choices that changed history

1. Romans 5:18a – Adam chose to disobey God.
 - a) Adam's one transgression (his act of unrighteousness), his sin of disobedience, brought sin and condemnation into the human race. Genesis 3:6
 - b) Adam's act of unrighteousness resulted in condemnation for all humankind.

Identification Truths

2. Romans 5:18b – **Christ** chose to obey God the Father.
 - a) Christ's act of righteousness, His death on the cross, brought a remedy for the sins of the whole world. Philippians 2:8
 - b) Christ's act of righteousness brought the opportunity for justification to all humankind.

Identification Truths

F. Romans 5:19 – Two actions with two very different results

1. Romans 5:19a – **Adam's** disobedience

a) affects his whole race.

b) establishes his entire lineage as sinners.

Identification Truths

2. Romans 5:19b – **Christ's** obedience - *obedient unto death, even the death of the cross*, Philippians 2:8
 - a) affects all who believe (all His born-again ones, all His *many*) and is freely offered to all of Adam's *many*.
 - b) establishes all His many as *righteous*.

Identification Truths

G. Romans 5:20-21 – Two Spheres: The Law versus Grace

1. Romans 5:20-21 – **Law**: God designed the Law to build a case against Adam's *many* (his fallen race) and in order to condemn them to death.
 - a) Romans 2:13 – God has always sought to clearly define sin to Adam's race.

Identification Truths

- b) Romans 5:20a – God gave the Law to open every eye to humanity's ever-present sin.
- c) Romans 3:19-20 – Sin was in the world before the Law but was not easily recognized. Romans 7:7

Identification Truths

- d) Romans 5:20b – Sin abounded as a result of the Law's emergence.
- e) Romans 5:21a – *Sin reigned in death* by gaining control and giving death to all mankind.

Identification Truths

2. Romans 5:20-21 – **Grace**: This grace is for Christ's race, designed to bring real life to His *many*.
 - a) With the coming of the Law and the condemnation it brought, grace became the only solution.

Identification Truths

- b) Romans 5:20b – Grace super-abounds wherever sin increases.
- c) Romans 5:21a – Now that Christ has come and completed His work on the cross, *grace and life* reign where law and death once dominated.

Identification Truths

d) Romans 5:21b – God's grace brings righteous living with no fear that grace will make people sin. Titus 2:11-13