

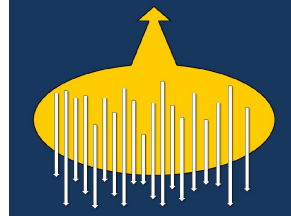
Paul's Epistle to the ROMANS

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“No Room for Boasting” Romans 3:27 - 4:3



Introduction:



I. MY JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH (3:27-31)

A. Eliminates Human Pride (vs. 27-28)

“Where then is boasting? It is excluded.”

“By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.”

“For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.”

B. Eliminates Human Prejudice (vs. 29-30)

“Or is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also?”

“Yes, of Gentiles also, since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one.”

Romans 4:11-12

Galatians 3:6-9

C. Eliminates Human Presumption (vs. 31)

“Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be!”

Galatians 3:19-26

“On the contrary, we establish the Law.”

II. ABRAHAM'S JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH (4:1-3)

A. The Problem (vs. 1)

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found?

Romans 4:5-11

B. The Partial Answer (vs. 2)

For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

C. The Plain Teaching of Scripture (vs. 3)

“For what does the Scripture say?”

“ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

Conclusion:

- 1) Because we receive (rather than achieve) right standing before God, there is no reason for boasting.
- 2) The Law had distinct purpose(s) and, though different, continues to have purpose in God's revelation to man.
- 3) Abraham is our father also, though not “according to the flesh”, because those who have the faith of Abraham become his spiritual children.
- 4) There is no possible way to obtain God's favor apart from faith in Jesus Christ.

Food for Thought:

- 1) Why is man so prone to boasting? How does “salvation by grace” and “justification through faith” address this?
- 2) What is the meaning of “imputation”?
- 3) It's easy to spot it in others, but how might we be guilty of watering down the gospel by substituting works for faith?
- 4) Is my right standing before God a source of pride for me?