

CHAPTER 4

v.1 Found according to the flesh or on the basis of what he accomplished

v.2 justified- this word refers to man's right standing in God's sight, not to be confused with sanctification which is the result of justification

Ephesian 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

v.3 **What does the Scripture say ?** This should always be our guide, not what we think or feel but what does God's word say.

- quote is from Genesis 15:6- This is not referring to Abraham's great faith in offering Isaac but this is way before that time- **see Galatians 3- pay particular attention to verse 16, (Gal 3:16 [KJV]) 16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.**

this is the promise that Abraham believed, the Messiah. Remember Abraham never had the law, it was given years after his time.

- Now see Hebrews 11 for the result of that faith

Heb 11:8-10 (NKJV)

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as [in] a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker [is] God.

Heb 11:17-19 (NKJV)

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten [son,] 18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," 19 concluding that God [was] able to raise [him] up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

v.4 If works could save us then God would owe us salvation, we have already seen that no one has earned it. - (chapter 6 tells what we have earned).

v.5 God justifies the ungodly- accounted- math term

v.6-8 David writes this in Psalm 32- after being confronted with his sin with Bathsheba and Urriah.

We looked last week at Psalm 51, where David fully acknowledged his sin and what he deserved

Psalm 32-

which Luther called a Pauline Psalm, Augustine had it on a sign at the foot of his bed.

Written on occasion of David receiving forgiveness- 2 Samuel 12:13

v.1 Blessed is the man whose transgression is forgiven- lifted up, supported, found favor

- whose sin is covered

v.2 iniquity - perversity

- impute- charge to one's account- contrast with what is charged to our account in Jesus- impute-3049. logizomai, log-id'-zom-ahee; mid. from G3056; to take an inventory, i.e. estimate (lit. or fig.):--conclude, (ac-) count (of), + despise, esteem, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, think (on).

v.3-5 A lot of the ailments that people have are simply the lack of acknowledgement of sin and receiving forgiveness- what does it mean to receive forgiveness ?

- Romans 6- our sin nature is crucified and our spirit is alive

- Romans 8- the Spirit now dwells in us and gives us the ability to live for Him

- Romans 12- our response and what allows us to feel the freedom David speaks of

v.6-7 Our deliverance

v.8-9 His desire is to instruct and lead us

- guide with His eye- we have to be close for this to be effective

- He wants us to follow but because we understand His nature and His purpose, not just blindly obedient- **see John 15:15**

v.10 surrounded by mercy

- we are now surrounded by temptation, enemies, debt

v.11 glad- merry hearted; rejoice- have joy; shout for joy- spontaneous breaking forth into song

Back to Romans

v.9-12 proper perspective of works of the law; ie circumcision, baptism, communion

They are to be a sign of what has taken place inwardly, they do not dispense grace but testify of it.

v.13-14 Promise is to those of faith not of flesh

v.15 Remember Galatians 3- this does not mean that if the law had not have been given there would be no sin but the law points out the sin. If we are not under the law, we do not suffer for transgressions, this is not license to sin but freedom from sin.

v.17-22 death to life symbolism

v.20 did not waver- faith that you trust in

v.21 fully convinced - 4135. plerophoreo, play-rof-or-eh'-o; from G4134 and G5409; to carry out fully (in evidence), i.e. completely assure (or convince), entirely accomplish:--most surely believe, fully know (persuade), make full proof of.

v.23-24 Our assurance

v.25 His death brings about the payment of our death, His resurrection, our acquittal