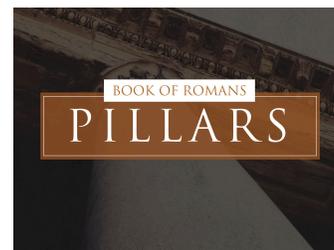


Justification By Faith

Romans 4:1-25 / Sermon Notes



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: *What does God require of me?*

THE POINT

There is no requirement prior to salvation apart from faith.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

► **Righteousness:** God _____ Abraham by grace through faith.

- Accounted (v. 3) - "A deposit". Abraham was not made righteous by his actions.
- Grace (v. 8) - Grace stands opposite to works. Grace receives while works earns.

► **Blessedness:** David _____ the joys of forgiven sin apart from the works.

- Blessed (v. 10) - "Happy, free, content". No one can carry the burden of their own sin.
- Covered (v. 19) - "Invisible, pardoned". God no longer counts or calculates our sin.

► **Uselessness:** God _____ on faith in action over forms of religion,

- Circumcision (v. 21) - The blessedness of salvation is not limited to a religious few.
- Walk (v. 24) - Spiritual descendants of Abraham are linked through steps of faith.
- Faith (v. 25) - Faith is the ground on which God's blessings are established.

► **Faithfulness:** Abraham _____ faith in God as a pattern for all.

- Waver (v. 27) - If God calls Sarah's dead womb to life, He can also call dead sinners to life in Christ.
- Strengthened (v. 27) - Faith is strengthened with every step you take.

"Untested faith is cast down when challenges rise up."

NEXT STEPS

1. Resist the urge to earn God's approval and rest in His unfailing love.
2. Spend time daily in confession of sin to God.
3. Embrace current struggles as a way for God to strengthen you.