

## THE GRACE OF GOD | “God Justifies the Ungodly”

Romans 4:1-17

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### HOW DOES GOD JUSTIFY THE UNGODLY?

#### 1. The ungodly are justified by faith, not works (4:1-8).

a. Faith excludes boasting before God (vv. 1-3).

b. Faith is helplessness reaching out in total dependence upon God (vv. 4-5).

c. Justification is God declaring the ungodly righteous and not counting their sins against them (vv. 6-8).

#### 2. The ungodly are justified by faith, not rituals (4:9-12).

a. Justification has always been by faith through grace (vv. 9-10).

b. Circumcision was a sign of faith, not a substitute for it (vv. 11-12).

#### 3. The ungodly are justified by faith, not law (4:13-17).