

# L12: The Message of the Ambassador Pt. 7 - By Grace Through Faith

## Introduction:

- The Redemption in Christ
  - The good news of the gospel of Christ
  - After leading one, by beseeching, disputing, persuading, to change their minds concerning, God, sin & death, His judgment, and their excuses we present the good news of the redemption that is in Christ.
- Redemption, Propitiation, Justification, Imputation, Forgiveness, Faith

## Preview:

- By Grace
  - Recap
- Through Faith

## Sermon:

**{Romans 3:27-31} Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.**

- **{Romans 1:16-17}** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that **believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed **from faith to faith**: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith**.
- **{Romans 3:22}** Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that **believe**: for there is no difference:
- **{Romans 3:26}** To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of Him which **believeth** in Jesus.
- **"Where is boasting then? It is excluded."**
  - On the basis of :20, no flesh being justified by the deeds of the law, and God's righteousness to be upon those that believe there is no boasting.
  - **"boasting"** = Vaunting of one's personal worth or actions - glorying
  - **"excluded"** = to hinder from entering
- **"By what law? Of works? Nay: but by the law of faith."**

- What is the grounds of "boasting" being "excluded"?
  - On the basis of "the law of works" (NO)
  - On the basis of "the law of faith" (YES)
- There is not basis of boasting for someone that believes.
  - One may boast in faith if they think faith is a work
  - One may boast in faith if they think faith is the cause of your justification
  - Faith is the means to receive justification God is the one who justifies not faith
  - Therefore, most fundamentally "faith" is none meritorious it or the one exercising the faith isn't entitled to honor, regard, and worth, but rather the one your faith is in is entitled to the honor, regard, and worth.
  - Importance of the first aspects of the gospel, because it isn't by our performance, it isn't by our deeds, thus God has set up "the law of faith" which gives Him the honor, worth, and regard and rightly so for it was what His Son performed for us.
- **"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."**
  - Conclusion from Romans 1:16-3:27
    - Faith is consistently compatible with God's righteousness without works, even the faith of Jesus Christ, because faith itself is non-meritorious, but trusts in something and someone else, in our case, Jesus Christ's substitutionary redemptive work in His death, burial, and resurrection - and now this can be concluded because although God has always justified one this way by faith without the deeds of the law there was no provision made for doing so, "but now" there is.
  - **"Is He the God of the Jews only?"**
    - This was the way God was justifying the Jews by faith alone
    - Now there faith needs to be in the faith of Jesus Christ
      - **Galatians 3:16** Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.
    - Paul is actually uses this to prove God can justify the Gentiles in this manner too!
  - **"is He not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith."**
    - **"Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law."**
      - The law was to lead one to faith alone in God and His righteousness, not their own righteousness.

- This is shown time and time again in the OT, and in the gospel accounts.

On the basis of the "one God" that justifies the circumcision and uncircumcision on the basis of faith alone without works - Paul goes on to give proof.

#### **Romans 4**

- Abraham - not under the law (:1-5)
- David - under the law (:6-8) (Gal. 3:24)
- Abraham - in uncircumcision (:9-22)
- Abraham our father - (:23-25) - justified via the same method by faith (Abraham prior to the faith of Jesus Christ, us in the faith of Jesus Christ)
  - David describes the same blessing that Abraham received
    - Righteousness without works
  - Abraham the father of circumcision (Gal. 3:9)
    - Circumcision a sign of the righteousness of faith alone
    - Thus Abraham is a father of all those that are justified by faith alone
      - This fatherhood more important than fleshly fatherhood

Romans 5:1, 6:8, 9:30

Galatians 3:14, 22

Ephesians 2:8-9

Colossians 1:4

1 Timothy 1:16, 4:10

Romans 5:2

1 Thessalonians 2:13

- 1 Thess. 4:14
- 2 Thess. 1:10

#### **Conclusion:**