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Romans 4:13-25: What is Faith?
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Review of Romans 1-4:12 ...

How can I be right with God and be saved?

- *By being a member?*
- *By completing religious activities?*
- *By being good?*

How can I be right with God and be saved?

- *Only through FAITH – just like Abraham.*



*“Abram(ham) **believed** the Lord, and he credited it to him **as righteousness.**”*

Belief/Faith/Trust in the Lord ➡ Being RIGHT with God.

4:13-15

The law was like a mirror...

4:16-17

*Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be **by grace** and may be **guaranteed** to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of **us all**. (Romans 4:16)*

So, what does faith/belief/trust look like?

Faith in Jesus

“The Bible says Jesus came to die for sinners.” (Is that faith? Nope – just knowledge)

“I agree Jesus came to die for sinners.” (Is that faith? Nope – just agreement)

I'm going to trust in Christ for my salvation. (Is that faith? Yes)

God gives righteousness from faith.

Do you know about what Jesus did?

Do you agree that Jesus did what He said He did?

Or do you have faith – you have personally trusted in Christ for your salvation?

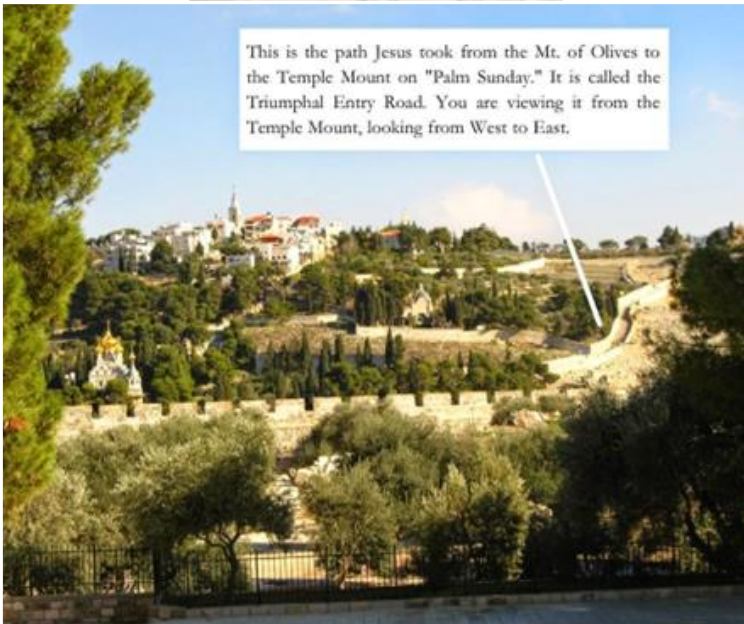
...That you no longer live, but now you live in Christ. That you no longer belong to yourself, but you now belong to Him... Those are the consequences of faith.

4:18-25

He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. (Romans 4:25)

Mount of Olives





... I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again... (John 10:15–18)

Further Study and Thoughts for Home Groups

To possess God is only possible on condition of yielding ourselves to Him. When we give ourselves up, in heart, mind, and will, to be His, He is ours. When we cease to be our own, we get God for ours.

The self-centered man is poor; he neither owns himself nor anything besides, in any deep sense. When we lose ourselves in God, we find ourselves, and being content to have nothing, and not even to be our own masters or owners, we possess ourselves more truly than ever, and have God for our portion, and in Him 'all things are ours.....' (Alexander Maclaren)

Check out Philippians 3:4-14