Romans 1-5: Gospel Foundations

"Grace: Old Testament Precedents"

Romans 3:27-4:8

Having explained the gospel of justification by faith (3:21-26), Paul now defends the gospel against its critics. He begins by supplying Old Testament precedents: Israel's most illustrious patriarch and Israel's most significant king. He now reveals salvation's greatest surprise.

1. Faith and Works: Rhetorical Questions (3:27-31)

- **What about human boasting?**

- **Does God discriminate?**

- **Is the Law pointless now?**

2. Justification for "Good People" (4:1-3)

- **An Ancient Truth: Abraham**

- **Paul and James Reconciled**

3. Justification for "Bad People" (4:4-8)

- **A Shocking Truth: David**

- **Paradox of God's Nature Resolved**