

Romans 4:1-8 (ESV) - What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷ "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸ blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

Imputed Righteousness

Proverbs 17:15 (ESV) - He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous are both alike an abomination to the Lord.

Romans 3:23 (ESV) - All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23 (ESV) - For the wages of sin is death.

Romans 4:5 (ESV) - And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.

Imputation

1. God credits our sin to Christ.

2. God credits the righteousness of Christ to believers.

Forgiveness of Sins:

The Imputation of our Sin to Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV) - For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Father counted Jesus to have committed all the sins of all those would ever repent and believe in Him.

Isaiah 53:6b (ESV) - The LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

2 Peter 2:24a (ESV) - He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.

God's divine justice is fully and completely satisfied.

Romans 3:26 (ESV) - It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Romans 5:1 (ESV) - Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Provision of Righteousness:

The Imputation of Christ Righteousness to Us.

Matthew 5:20 (ESV) - For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:48 (ESV) - You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Isaiah 61:10 (ESV) - I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Genesis 15:6 (ESV) - And (Abraham) believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Romans 5:12-19 (ESV) - Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Great Exchange

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV) - 2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV) - For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Philippians 3:9 (ESV) ... and be(ing) found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV) - For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Therefore...

1. When God looks at us, He sees the righteousness of Christ and no longer deems us guilty.

2. Build praise and thanksgiving into your daily time in the Scripture and Prayer

3. Share the Good News of the Gospel with boldness.