

The Nature of Grace

Romans 4:1-8

Big Idea

- Salvation is a gift that must be received by faith because it cannot be earned.

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- Abraham was saved by grace through faith.

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- David was saved by grace through faith.

Righteousness	Sin Record
<p>Bankrupt of righteousness...</p> <p>There is none righteous Not even one!</p>	<p>We have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are under sin... They have all turned aside. Their throat is an open grave, with their tongues they keep deceiving... their feet are swift to shed blood... there is no fear of God before their eyes.</p>
	<p>They are condemned already.</p>
	<p>They are without excuse.</p>

Righteousness	Sin Record
The Righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ (Rom.3:22; Phil.3:9; 2 nd Cor.5:21, etc.).	

Righteousness

To the one who does not work but believes...his faith is credited as righteousness.

Sin Record

Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven... whose sins have been covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD will not take into account.

...the man whom the Lord will not impute sin

JESUS CHRIST THE RIGHTEOUS

- Knew no sin – He is perfect, holy, and pure.
- He was made to be sin for us.
- Treated as a sinner when our sin was imputed to Him.

ME THE SINNER

- Filled with unrighteousness, unholy, ungodly, and defiled.
- Made the righteousness of God in Him.
- Treats us as righteous when His righteousness is imputed to us.

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- This gift is for everyone who believes.

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- Abraham is an illustration of faith.

Theology and Application

- Sometimes people assume that, by doing good things – especially things that God has said to do – they will be made acceptable to God.
- Salvation has always been a gift and it can only be received by faith.

Theology and Application

- Are you trying to earn salvation? It is only for those who ‘work not!’
- In what ways are you allowing circumstances to speak more loudly than God’s word?
- Our God can give life to the dead and bring “something” out of “nothing!”