

Romans 4 – 20 December 2020

“The Trap Of Misplaced Trust”

Introduction

*Paul wrote to the Roman church the greatest document on our salvation that there is

*Chap 1-3 - slavery to sin & need of righteousness

*Chap 3-4 - how righteousness is given

Are you in right standing with God?

If you died today, would you be allowed into God's presence?

*People often answer, “I have faith”. Faith in what?

What are you trusting in as the means to grant you everlasting life? Today, the trap of misplaced trust

We'll examine 3 things people place their trust in hoping that it will grant them eternal life

We do this by looking at the example of Abraham

1st thing some put their faith in is their own good works (Vs 1-8)

Read Vs 1-2

1. They considered Abe the father of them all, yet he lived *before* the Law was even given
2. If righteousness is earned by things we do, then there is boasting

Read Vs 3-4

1. Vs 3 is a quote from Gen 15
2. If by works, then righteousness is given b/c it's owed, not b/c of God's gracious gift

Read Vs 5

1. We're given righteousness when we believe Jesus wants to grant it while we're yet ungodly
2. Doing good is the result of righteousness, not the method of gaining righteousness
3. Righteousness can't be of our works, b/c we've already proven ourself to be ungodly