

Series: Justified (Romans 3:21-5:21) Title: Justified by Whom We Believe

Scripture: Romans 4:13-25

2025 Summer Scripture: Romans Road (ESV) 1:20; 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9-10; 8:37-39

1:20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

5:8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **10:9-10** because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

8:37-39 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- 1. God by His grace gives sinners righteousness through saving faith in who He is, what He says, and what He has done! (vs. 13-17)
 - a. GOD GIVES EXISTENCE TO THOSE THAT DIDN'T EXIST! (v. 17)
 - b. GOD GIVES LIFE TO THE DEAD! (v. 17)



- 2. Saving Faith that is counted to us as righteous will grow! (vs. 18-22)
 - a. Growing Faith Believes God when the situation seems hopeless. (vs. 18-19)
 - b. Growing Faith Doesn't allow others' unbelief to cause faith to waver or weaken. (vs. 19-20)
 - c. Growing Faith Glorifies God by trusting Him. (v. 20)
 - d. Growing Faith believes that God is able to do what He promises. (v. 21)
- 3. Saving faith is believing in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead and brings us into community with the Triune God and His church. (Job 2:9)
 - a. Our sins are paid for (past, present, and future) by Jesus' death.
 - b. Our place (already and yet to come) with God is secured by Jesus' resurrection.

What does this mean for my life today:

- 1. I should be humble.
 - a. The good news is never old news!
- 2. I should be happy.
 - a. I am part of the family of God! Belief means belonging!
- 3. I should be obedient.
 - a. My life, my family, my church should be shaped by the gospel.
- 4. I should be missional.
 - a. I give my time, treasures, and talents in the work of the gospel.
 - b. I am part of the missionary enterprise that cannot fail.
- 5. I should be full of hope.
 - a. No sickness, hurt, failure, success, or responsibility can tank the gospel.

