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WHAT WE BELIEVE AND HOW WE BEHAVE—10

“How God Justifies The Ungodly”

Romans 4:1-25

Introduction: _____

I. FIRST, NOTICE HOW HE DEMONSTRATES THAT THE “FAITH PLUS” VIEW IS WRONG (Romans 4:1-12).

A. First, note how he deals with people who depend on FAITH PLUS _____ for their salvation (4:1-8).

1. First, he uses Israel’s Patriarch as an example (4:1-5)
 - a. First, notice his appeal relating to Abraham’s situation (4:1-2).
 - b. Secondly, note his application relative to Abraham’s salvation (4:3-5).
2. Secondly, he uses Israel’s Monarch as an example (4:6-8).
 - a. First, salvation is freely bestowed (4:6).
 - b. Secondly, confessed sin is forever banished (4:7-8).

B. Secondly, notice how he deals with those who declare that FAITH PLUS their worship or religion is necessary for their salvation (4:9-12).

1. First, notice the plan for receiving righteousness (4:9).
 - a. First, look at the complication (4:9).
 - b. Secondly, note the explanation (4:9b).
2. Secondly, note the pattern for receiving righteousness (4:10)

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This was a big question to the Jewish believers:

- a. First, note their explanation (4:10a).
 - b. Secondly notice Paul’s explanation (4:10b).
3. Thirdly, consider the proof of receiving righteousness (4:11-12).

- *First, he demonstrates circumcision as a sign.
- *Secondly, he describes circumcision as a seal.

Now look at the proofs of Bible salvation:

- a. First, it is proven by what we believe (4:11).
- b. Secondly, it is proven by how we behave (4:12)
 - (1) First, he believed in God’s Word without ever experiencing the fullness of its promises.
 - (2) Secondly, he believed in Jesus Christ without ever seeing Him in Person.

II. SECONDLY, NOTE HOW HE _____ THE LAW FAILING AND FAITH PREVAILING (Romans 4:13-17).

A. First, notice the _____ with the Law (4:13-15).

1. First, the Law actually _____ faith (4:15).
2. Secondly, the Law really _____ promises (4:14b).
3. Thirdly, the Law literally _____ sinners (4:15).

B. Secondly, not the _____ of faith (4:16-17).

1. First, notice how FAITH ALONE _____ the need of grace (4:16a).
2. Secondly, note how FAITH ALONE _____ the soul of salvation (4:16b).

3. Thirdly, consider how FAITH ALONE _____ all who will to be saved (4:17a).
4. Fourthly, think about how FAITH ALONE _____ the power of God to save (4:17b).

**III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER HOW HE _____
HOW FAITH ALONE IS EXPERIENCED AND
EXPLAINED (Romans 4:18-25).**

A. First, notice how FAITH ALONE is _____ (4:18)

1. First, Abraham's faith was in God's _____ (4:18)
2. Secondly, his faith was _____ on the Word of God and nothing else.
3. Thirdly, his faith was _____ with impossible circumstances (4:19).
4. Fourthly, his faith was _____ and unwavering (4:19).
5. Fifthly, his faith _____ into action.

B. Secondly, note how FAITH ALONE is _____ (4:23-25).

1. First, notice the _____ of salvation (4:23-24).
2. Secondly, note the _____ of salvation (4:25).

CONCLUSION:

1. Faith in Christ brings righteousness that is _____ forever.
2. Faith in Christ is _____ by waiting.
3. Faith in Christ stands _____ on knowledge.