

SOLA FIDE

Romans 4:1-12

- Abraham was JUSTIFIED (declared RIGHTEOUS) by faith alone.
- Because justification is by faith alone, it is a free GIFT of sheer GRACE.
- Because justification is by faith alone, all peoples can be UNTIED through faith in Jesus.



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Luther explained the gospel saying, “failing, broken people “are not loved because they are attractive,” rather “they are attractive because they are loved.” Discuss this, and how it relates to justification by faith.
2. If an unbeliever asked you to explain what “justification by faith alone” means, how would you answer?
3. Read Romans 3:27-4:3. Why was boasting such a big deal? How does that play itself out today? How does Abraham figure in?
4. Read Romans 4:4-8. How does his argument move from justification by faith to justification by grace?
5. What are some bad answers to the question “Suppose that you were to die tonight and stand before God, and he were to say to you, “Why should I let you into my heaven?” What would you say?” What are some good answers?
6. What are some ways that we subtly start putting confidence in our own works?
7. Based on Paul’s argument in Romans 4:9-12, how does justification by faith alone create unity for all peoples?

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

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