

Reformation Week #4

Romans 4: Good News

I. Good News as Discovered by Abraham

A. Discoveries about Himself and God

1. Abraham realized his spiritual resume was _____.
2. Abraham _____ God when it didn't make sense to believe.

Genesis 15:6

Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

3. Abraham discovered that faith "alone" is the _____ of the kingdom.

Habakkuk 2:4

"See, he is puffed up; his desires are not upright—but the righteous will live by his faith—

B. Discoveries about Faith

1. Faith plus _____ strips God of his glory.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.

2. Faith always _____ the Lord. (Matthew 8:5-10)
3. Faith pleases God because faith _____ God. God's response to faith is always _____.
4. Faith is a response to the nature and _____ of God.
5. Faith _____ God's glory and _____ God's gift.

*Grace: The **unmerited favor** and **kindness** of God showed to one who does not **deserve** it and can never **earn** it.*

Jews believed they were right with God on 3 accounts:

1. Descendants of _____
2. Received the _____
3. _____

C. Discoveries about Salvation

1. "_____ " is sin being transferred *from* our account and righteousness being transferred *into* our account.

Romans 5:12; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 53:6

- _____ characterizes salvation by works, but imputation marks salvation by faith.
- Under works everything depends on the _____; under grace everything depends on the _____.
- Under works God gives a fair _____; under grace he gives a free _____.

Adam's sin was put on **me**.
My sin was put on **Jesus**.

II. Grace as Described by David and Disclosed by Paul

A. Grace as it Relates to Sin

David knew he was **dead** under the law.

Psalm 51:16-17

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. ¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ²Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

- Sin is freely forgiven because the one who does the forgiving _____ the _____.
- Sin is _____. (Micah 7:19; Isaiah 43:25; 38:17)
- When God forgives sin, he _____ it out of existence.
- God will never put sin on your _____ again. (Hebrews 10:11-14)

B. Grace as it Relates to the Law

- Salvation doesn't come by _____.
- Salvation doesn't come by _____ to rules.
- Obedience to God's law is not the _____ of our salvation but a _____ of our salvation.

1 John 2:1-4

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. ³We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. ⁴The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

- Salvation doesn't come by _____.