

Unshakable Confidence 1: Justified by Faith

Romans 4:18 - 5:2 Justified by Faith

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The Amazing Transaction

Abraham believes, God credits it as Righteousness

v.18-21

- Greatest need: to be right with God
- “You’ve trusted my promise, you’ve believed my word. You’re right with me”
- problem – being out of sorts with Lord God, the creator and owner of the universe
- he is a God who justifies the wicked (v.5)

Two ways to be justified: obligation or gift

1. by works: Rom 4:1-4

- an obligation

2. by faith: Rom 4:4-8

What faith is and isn’t

Faith is not a belief in the irrational or impossible

Faith enables me to receive the benefits of Jesus’ death

*Faith is a living and unshakable confidence, a belief in the grace of God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake. This kind of confidence in God’s grace, this sort of knowledge of it, makes us joyful, high-spirited, and eager in our relations with God and with all mankind.
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