JUSTIFIED BY FAITH

Romans 3:27–4:25

Key Verse: 3:28

1. What “boasting” has Paul already mentioned? (2:17,23) Why does he say “our boasting” is “excluded” now? (27a; 22–26) Why is it so important not to “boast” in our own works? (11:6; Eph 2:8,9; Gal 5:4) What is “the law of faith” to which Paul holds? (27b–28,22; cf. 1:17; Gal 2:16)
2. What questions does Paul ask, and what does this tell us about God? (29,30) What else does he say, and why? (31; cf. 8:4)
3. How does Abraham illustrate that we are justified not by works but by faith? (4:1–3) How else does Paul explain this, and what does he say here about God? (4,5) How does David also illustrate being justified only by faith? (6–8)
4. How does Abraham’s example show that circumcision is unnecessary to being justified by faith? (9–12) What was God’s promise to Abraham and his offspring? (13) Why can those who merely adhere to the law not be Abraham’s real heirs? (14,15) Why does righteousness “depend on faith? (16)
5. What other promise did God make to Abraham, and what does this show about God? (17) How did Abraham respond to this promise, and what does this show us all about living by faith? (18–22) What do the words “it was counted to him” mean to us? (23–25)