

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans

"How do you stand before God? Sinner, Saint, or Something in between?"

Week 5: Romans 4:1-25

I. Romans 4:1-12

1. The basic question in verse one is "How was Abraham whom we claim as our earthly forefather justified?" Why was Abraham so important to the Jewish people? (Matthew 3:9)
2. How did Abraham become the spiritual father of many nations? (Galatians 3:7-8)
3. Why is Paul then concerned about how Abraham is justified? (verse 3)
4. Why was David so important to the Jewish people?
5. This quotation is from Psalm 32, written after David's affair with Bathsheba, murder of her husband, and subsequent repentance (II Samuel 11, 12). Who does he say are the "blessed"?
6. What argument does Paul put forth to prove that circumcision is not a prerequisite to "being accounted righteous by faith"? 4:9-10

Timeline of Abraham's Justification

Timeline of your justification

7. Who all can be included then as the spiritual children of Abraham? (4:11-12)

II. Romans 4:13-25

8. How are faith and law placed in opposition to each other? (4:13-15)

9. What promise of God was the object of Abraham's faith? (4:18)

10. What was so heroic about this faith? (4:17, 19-21)

11. What is the object of our faith? (4:24-25)

12. Turn to 1 Corinthians 15:17. How does this show the purpose of the resurrection, as found in Romans 4:25?

Memory Verses for Today:

Romans 4:5, "And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness."