

Logic: The Evidence That Faith Alone Justifies a Man

Romans 04:01–08

<p>1. <i>The logic of Abraham's justification, his salvation</i></p> <p>a. He was not justified by works</p> <p>b. He was justified by believing God</p> <p>2. <i>The logic of the worker or labourer's reward</i></p> <p>a. Works mean obligation, debt</p> <p>b. Believing in God results in righteousness</p> <p>3. <i>The logic of David's words about the blessed man</i></p> <p>a. A man is blessed who is counted righteous without works</p> <p>b. A man is blessed whose sins are forgiven and covered</p> <p>c. A man is blessed whose sins are not counted against him</p>	<p>1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter?</p> <p>2 If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about — but not before God.</p> <p>3 What does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”</p> <p>4 Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation.</p> <p>5 However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.</p> <p>6 David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:</p> <p>7 “Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.</p> <p>8 Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him.”</p>
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