

**Faith: The Way That Puts an End to Human Boasting  
and Pride, to Self-Righteousness and Works  
Romans 03:27–31**

**1. *Faith excludes boasting***

- a. Works cause boasting in oneself
- b. Faith causes boasting in God

**2. *Faith justifies a man without the works of the law***

**3. *Faith reveals only one God who deals with all equally***

- a. He created all:  
He is the God of all
- b. He is the only true God:  
All are therefore justified in the same way – by faith

**4. *Faith upholds and establishes the law***

27 Where, then, is boasting?

It is excluded.

On what principle?

On that of observing the law?

No, but on that of faith.

28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

29 Is God the God of Jews only?

Is he not the God of Gentiles too?

Yes, of Gentiles too,

30 Since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith.

31 Do we, then,

nullify the law by this faith?

Not at all!

Rather, we uphold the law.

# Logic: The Evidence That Faith Alone Justifies a Man

## Romans 04:01–08

### 1. *The logic of Abraham's justification, his salvation*

a. He was not justified by works

b. He was justified by believing God

### 2. *The logic of the worker or labourer's reward*

a. Works mean obligation, debt

b. Believing in God results in righteousness

### 3. *The logic of David's words about the blessed man*

a. A man is blessed who is counted righteous without works

b. A man is blessed whose sins are forgiven and covered

c. A man is blessed whose sins are not counted against him

1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter?

2 If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about – but not before God.

3 What does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

4 Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation.

5 However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.

6 David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

7 “Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

8 Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him.”