

A Biblical Defense of Justification (4:1-25)

1. On What Basis Are We Made Right with God (1-8)?

- Paul's answer: justification is not by human works, but by God's grace.

2. Who Can Be Made Right with God (9-12)?

- Paul's answer: justification is not for the Jews only, but for Jews and gentiles.

3. By What Means Are We Made Right with God? (13-25)

- Paul's answer: Justification is not by law, but by faith, and faith alone.

How Can I Be Justified?

Romans 4:13-16

- I. Justification By Faith Alone Stated (13).
- II. Justification By Faith Alone Argued (14-16)
 - A. Justification Cannot Be by Law (14-15).
 - 1. Because law makes faith unnecessary (14a).
 - 2. Because law nullifies God's promise (14b).
 - 3. Because law produces only wrath (15a).
 - 4. Because law only increases our guilt (15b).
 - B. Justification Must Be by Faith Alone (16).
 - 1. So that justification can be by grace (16a)
 - 2. So that justification can be for everyone (16c-d)
 - 3. So that justification can be guaranteed to us (16b)