

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.
 - Stated (13)
 - Argued (14-16)
 - Illustrated (17-22)
 - Applied (23-25)

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Romans 4:17-22

- 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 guaranteed to us (16b)
 - 3. So that justification can be for everyone (16c)

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III. Justification by Faith Alone Illustrated (17b-22)

A. Saving Faith Is Biblical Faith.

- Several kinds of non-saving faith...
 1. Natural faith
 2. Historical faith
 3. Miraculous faith
 4. Temporary faith
- Three elements of saving faith...
 1. Knowledge (*notitia*) – “believe that”
 2. Assent (*assensus*) – “believe [a person or proposition]”
 3. Trust (*fiducia*) – “believe on”; “believe into”