

Three Common Attacks on Justification

1. Denying justification by faith *alone* in favor of works—works-based righteousness.
2. Using justification by faith alone as an excuse for sin—antinomianism.
3. Redefining justification as something other than how an individual is made right with God—“the New Perspective on Paul.”

Romans 4

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.

Just Like Abraham

Romans 4:23-25

- I. Justification By Faith Alone Stated (13).
- II. Justification By Faith Alone Argued (14-16)
- III. Justification by Faith Alone Illustrated (17b-22)
- IV. Justification by Faith Alone Applied (23-25)

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IV. Justification by Faith Alone Applied (23-25).

- A. We Are Made Right with God the Same Way— Justification (23-24a).
- B. We Are Justified by the Same Means—Faith Alone (24b).
- C. We Believe in the Same God—the God of Abraham (24c).
- D. We Have the Same Redeemer—the Promised Messiah (24c).
- E. We Are Justified on Same Basis—the Work of the Redeemer Alone (25).
 - 1. He “was delivered up because of our transgressions.”
 - 2. He “was raised because of our justification.”
 - a) The resurrection proved that the Father had accepted Jesus’ sacrifice for sin.
 - b) The resurrection guarantees the continual application of Jesus’ work to the sinner who believes in him.