

CHAPTER FOUR

This chapter is a very important illustration of God's principle of justification by faith. Paul uses Abraham and David as examples to show that even those in the Old Testament were saved by faith, apart from any merit of their own. Please memorize Romans 4:5 and be prepared to write it out at the end of this lesson.

1. (v. 1-2) Did Abraham's works justify him before God? **No. Paul holds him up as a shining example of righteousness by faith.**
2. (v. 3) What do the scriptures say about Abraham's belief in God (he believed what God promised him)? (See Genesis 15:6). **It was credited to him as righteousness.**
3. (v. 4) The one who works for his salvation thinks to put God in debt to him. So for him salvation is not a **free gift of God's grace.**
4. (v. 5) This verse is one that every Christian should memorize. Please write out what this verse means to you using your own words. **Trust in God, who has justified us through His Son, not in our own works, is the faith that will be credited to us as righteousness.**

5. (v. 6) The King James Version uses the word "*impute*" and the NIV uses the word "*credit*". What does God credit us with, while not looking at our works? Why? **Righteousness, because we have faith.**
6. (vv. 7-8) What is said of those whose sins are forgiven? **They are blessed.**

Note: In verses 9 through 12, the "*circumcision*" refers to the Jews, the "*uncircumcision*" refers to the Gentiles. The Jewish rite of circumcision was given to Abraham after he was justified by faith as a sign of his right standing before God (see Genesis 17:4-14). This occurred 14 years after God counted him righteous (Genesis 15: 6). Similarly, our position as believers in Christ is neither obtained nor made more secure by observing any ordinance or religious rite.

7. (v. 11) Is Abraham the father of all believers, whether circumcised or not? **Yes, he believed in God before he was circumcised.**
8. (v. 12) Abraham is the spiritual father of those Jews who are not only Jews outwardly, but who also **Walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.**

Read Romans 4:13-25 _____ Check.

God promised Abraham that from his seed (descendants) would come forth a great nation (Israel) and that all the people of the earth would be blessed through it.

9. (v. 13) Did the promise of God come to Abraham through the Law or faith? **Through faith.**
10. (v. 16) God's promise did not come by the Law but by faith so that God's grace could be shown to whom? **To all Abraham's offspring, those who share Abraham's faith in the grace of God.**
11. (v. 17) When Abraham was ninety-nine years old (see Gen 17:1), yet without heirs, God made him a promise. What was this promise? **That Abraham would be the father of many nations.**
12. (v. 19) Why did this promise seem impossible? **Abraham was old and Sarah was no longer able to have children.**
12. (vv. 20-21) How did Abraham react to God's word? **He was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, believing God had the power to do what He said.**
14. Read Genesis 21:1-3 _____ Check. Did God fulfill His promise? **Yes.**
15. (v. 22) What was the result of Abraham's faith? **Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness.**
16. (v. 23) Is this righteousness imputed to us also? **Yes.** Why? (v. 24) **God will credit righteousness to us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.**
17. Why was Christ delivered to death? (v. 25) **To redeem us from our sins.**
18. Why was He raised (or resurrected)? **For our justification.**

The resurrection of Jesus Christ cannot be overemphasized, for the preaching of the Gospel is not complete without it. Christ's resurrection from the dead proves that God was completely satisfied with His redemptive work for mankind. Nothing could or should be added to it. Let's summarize Chapter 4.

Salvation is by God's grace through man's faith, by believing the Word of God.

Please write out verse 5 from memory.

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

Notice that God only justifies "*ungodly*" people. Have you ever considered yourself "*ungodly*"? Unless you do, you will never see your need for salvation. Will you pray this prayer with a believing heart?

"O Lord, make plain to me my sinful and ungodly nature, that I will turn to you and be made righteous by faith in Jesus Christ, who died for my sins and arose for my justification. Amen."

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Answer Key CHAPTER FIVE

THE RESULTS OF JUSTIFICATION

This chapter teaches the basic truths of salvation. Several verses here may be used to lead a person to Christ. We also learn of spiritual blessings that are part of this great salvation. Read Romans 5.1-5 _____ Check.

1. (v. 1) What is the result of being justified by faith? Peace with God This peace was made by Christ through His blood on the cross. (Colossians 1:20) The hostility between God and the sinner has come to an end and a new relationship has begun as a result of faith in the crucified Christ.
2. (v. 2) What do we have access to through our faith in Jesus Christ? We have access to God's grace. What do we rejoice in? We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.
3. (vv. 3 - 4) We glory in tribulation (suffering) knowing that tribulation results in what? _____
Tribulation produces perseverance and perseverance produces character and character produces hope.
Triumph in Tribulation is the watchword among growing Christians. As character in a child is developed through discipline and testing, even more does this apply in the Christian's spiritual growth.
4. (v. 5) How does our hope in God not disappoint us? Because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

This is the first mention of the Holy Spirit in Romans. He has a great work to do in the lives of believers, as we shall discover in the next few chapters. The righteousness which God has given, must now be experienced. The Holy Spirit is now living within us and showing His love through us.

5. (v. 6) What two things are true about our condition when Christ died for us? We were still powerless and ungodly.
6. (v. 8) How did God show his love for sinners? While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
7. (v. 9) How can we be saved from the wrath to come? By being justified by the blood of Jesus Christ.

8. Throughout Chapter five, it can be seen that all that we have is because of Christ's death and resurrection.

v. 10 Says that when we were God's enemies we were reconciled to Him by the death of His son, and we shall be saved by (or in) His life. We are justified before God because we are in Christ.

Note: The verses from 12 to 21 show the difference between the sin and death that came through Adam and the righteousness and life that came through Christ. We read of Adam's disobedience in Genesis 2 and 3. Adam, as the head and representative of the human race, brought death and condemnation to the entire human family. From that time on, all people have lived under the sentence of death, not because we have broken the Law God gave to Moses, discussed in vv. 13 and 14, but because we are Adam's descendants (in Adam). Only through our redemption in Christ do the descendants of Adam find grace and justification.

Below you are given the first part of verses 15 through 21. These illustrate the result of Adam's sin and disobedience. From the second part of each verse, write the result of Jesus Christ's obedience to the Father.

Example: (v. 15) Through Adam's offense many died. The gift of God's grace, by one man, Jesus Christ, overflowed to the many.

9. (v. 16) Judgment followed Adam's sin and brought condemnation. The free gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

10. (v. 17) By Adam's trespass death reigned. Much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

11. (v. 18) The result of Adam's trespass was the condemnation of all men. So also, the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.

12. (v. 19) By Adam's disobedience many were made sinners. So also, through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

13. (v. 20) The Law was added so that sin might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased more.

14. (v. 21) Sin reigns in death. Grace reigns through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Verse 21 sums up the benefits received from Christ. He bestows *grace, righteousness* and *eternal life* to all who believe. Are you living *in Adam* as a condemned sinner or *in Christ* fully forgiven and justified? If you have not, take a moment, in your own words to tell the Lord you would like to receive the gift of salvation.

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved (Acts 16:31).”

CHAPTER SIX

DEAD TO SIN, ALIVE IN CHRIST

In this chapter the main theme is our union with Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection. When this truth is understood and believed, it gives us freedom from bondage to sin and to Law. It sets us free to serve God because we are thankful for what He has done for us. Please read Chapter 6. _____ Check.

1. (v. 2) Because we are saved by grace (as revealed in chapter 5), the question is asked, “shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound.? Please use your own word. **No, we died to sin when we accepted Jesus as our personal savior, therefore, we can no longer live in sin.**

Note: The word *baptize* means to be *placed into or to be identified with*. In Paul’s epistles (books or letters), a spiritual baptism is mentioned many times. He refers to the work of the Holy Spirit who baptizes (places) us into Christ. This baptism makes one a sharer in Christ’s death, burial and resurrection. We were baptized into His death. Paul could say, “I am crucified with Christ” (Galatians 2:20). So can we because having been baptized into Christ by the Holy Spirit, we are a part of Him, a member of His Body. His death was our death, His burial our burial, and His resurrection our resurrection.

2. Verse 3 states that all believers were baptized by the Holy Spirit into Christ. What else are they baptized into? **We were baptized into His death.**
3. (Ephesians 4:5) “There is one **Lord**, one **faith**, one **baptism**.” This again is spiritual baptism, and is the great unifying factor of the Church, for it makes all believers ONE in Christ.
4. (Romans 6:4) We are buried with Christ through baptism into death. Why? **Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.**

(As Paul said in Galatians 2:20, “I am crucified with Christ...”).
5. (v. 5) If we have been planted (placed/united) into the likeness of His death, we shall be also _____
united with Him in His resurrection.
6. (vv. 6-7) The term *our old man/self*’ refers to the old corrupt, sinful nature. God reckons (considers)
7. this nature to be crucified with Christ. What is the result of this grace? **We are no longer slaves to sin because anyone who has died with Christ has been freed from sin.**

Verses 8 and 9 refer to Christ’s being raised from death. Colossians 2:12 says that we “are raised with him through faith in the power of God.”

7. (v. 8) If we are dead with Christ, will we also live with Christ? **X** yes _____ no
8. (v. 10) Christ died unto/to **sin once and for all**. He lives unto/to **God**

9. (v. 11) We are also dead to sin, but alive to God in Jesus Christ.
10. (v. 12) Because of these truths, what should we do about sin? Please answer in your own words.. _____
We should not let sin control our lives. We should try to avoid it through the grace of the Holy Spirit

Note: The sin barrier that separated God and man has been removed through Calvary's cross (2 Corinthians 5:19). Only unbelief keeps man from being reconciled to God. Reconciliation is for all, but only those who have personally received Jesus Christ as Savior are truly saved. The ministry of reconciliation is given to all believers in this dispensation of grace to stand in Christ's place pleading with a lost world "Be ye reconciled to God." It is the one commission for today. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.

Read Genesis 2:15-17, the account of Adam's disobedience, and Genesis Chapter 3. _____ Check. When Adam sinned, his nature became corrupt, and the entire human family inherited this corrupt nature. From that time on, all people have lived under sentence of death, not because they broke the Law God gave Moses, which came much later (see Romans 5:13-14), but because they are Adam's descendants. We are sinners because we are born sinners, not because we have sinned. Sinning does not make us sinners. It confirms that we are sinners.

11. (v. 13) We should not yield/offer our members (any part of our selves/body) as instruments of _____; wickedness but being alive/returned from the dead, we should yield/offer our members as instruments of righteousness
12. (v. 14) Why will sin not have dominion/rule over you? Because I am not under the Law but under grace.
13. (vv. 16-22) The word *servants* means bond-servants or slaves. (v. 16) We are then slaves of the master whom we choose to obey, whether/either of sin which leads to death, or of obedience which leads to righteousness.
14. (v. 17) Paul is writing to those who were once slaves of sin. What do they do that made Paul thankful? They wholeheartedly obey the teaching to which they have been entrusted.
15. (v. 18) Being set free from the slavery of sin, they became slaves to righteousness
16. (v. 19) In the past we have yielded ourselves to uncleanness and iniquity/sin, but now we are told to yield/offer our members/bodies in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness.
17. Contrast the fruit (results) of sin in v. 21 with the fruit that results from serving God in v. 22.
 v. 21 What fruit comes from serving sin? Death
 v. 22 What fruit comes from serving God? Holiness resulting in eternal life.
 v. 22 This verse sums up the benefits received from Christ. He bestows grace, righteousness, and eternal life on all who believe.
18. Verse 23 is one to memorize. How may we obtain eternal life? Believe in Christ Jesus our Lord and His free gift of eternal life.