

ROMANS STUDY

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 4:1-8

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

When Eyes Can Hear Us

The Gospel of Grace, The Foundation of New Testament Theology
According to Grace By The Argumentation of the Apostle Paul

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Romans 4:1-8

What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." 4 Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. 5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, 6 just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: 7 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; 8 Blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin."

When Eyes Can Hear Us

**It's a disputed quote attributed to St. Francis of Assisi,
if not from him, I could care less – the statement is true regardless,
"Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words."**

1 John 4:17

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; (why?) because as He is, so are we in this world.

**Church, we have moved on from the fact that the God of the Bible
can cleanse the leper - heal the sick, open the eyes of the blind and raise the
dead – but one of, if not - - the greatest miracle of all is what He does when**

He **Transforms the Human Soul** and Spirit of a man by the Holy Spirit.

John 14:12

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”

“If the observable universe displays the glory of God, and it does – then shouldn’t a glorified life place the observable God on display for all to see?”

(in reality - this is an immutable truth) – Jack

That the witness of God is on display in the lives of His true followers, His true children are evident...

Acts 4:12-13

“There is no salvation in any other, for there is no other Name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

Up until this point, everything has been necessary to sweep things out and to make things clear so that whatever foundation might be exposed.
Only then can you begin to build...

Chapter 4 is where Paul brings us into the world of the Jewish mind and the origins of both the Hebrew people as well as what it means to be a real Jew.

He will do this by calling them to the two greatest examples of a true, living and acceptable relationship with God are founded upon in the lives of Israel’s great patriarchs – Abraham and David.

These two men, whose lives were Old Testament examples of what it looks like to be a true believer today - in the 21st. century

That this is not a new faith, it is the same faith – only now made clear through Jesus Christ. Because what is known of Abraham is that he was a man who trusted in God. David, he was a man who delighted in God.

Ephesians 1:3-12

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. 11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

Abraham's Example was this:

Genesis 15:6-7

And Abraham believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. :7 Then God said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."

And David's Example was that:

Psalms 27:4

"One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple."

When Eyes Can Hear Us

1.) There is nowhere to hide

vs. 1-2

There Is Nowhere To Hide

1a.) Our flesh testifies against us

vs. 1a

Verse 1

What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh?

What is it that he came to discover?

Found

grk: heurisko

to discover, to get, to obtain, to perceive with understanding,
to enter into or come to the knowledge of. (become aware of)

Possibly referring back to his pagan origins

Abraham found out that by trying to perform duties, actions, works, deeds - - that it had no effect upon his person nor relationship with the gods.

“Abram” discovered that the God of the Bible was not limited to an icon or an image nor was He a phantom from tradition.

When Eyes Can Hear Us There Is Nowhere To Hide

1b.) Our deeds can never measure up

vs. 2a

Verse 2a

For if Abraham was justified by works,
he has something to boast about

Justified grk: dikaioo
to be shown to be righteous, to be declared righteous: —
acquitted, just, freed, vindicated (not by effort, rule, law or acts)

Boast grk: kauchema
glory, self-confidence, to believe that there is or there are
reason(s) to be proud of oneself.

By faith is where we **begin**. We **continue**. We **endure** and **By faith** is how we **finish**.

Galatians 6:13-15

For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. 14 But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

Jude 1:24-25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, 25 to God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever - Amen.

2 Peter 1:2-8

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This knows nothing of the prevailing “false faith” that is out there. There’s a “fake belief” – a “dead faith” which is of course an impossibility – a “disobedient faith” is a faith that kills.

This Brings Up an Argument
That leads us to a profound clarity regarding faith and works.

James 2:14-20

What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food 16 and one of you says to them, *“Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,”* but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? 17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. 18 But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe and tremble! 20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

1 John 1:6,10

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth... 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

1 John 2:3-4

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

**Here’s a Description of the life of;
Abraham of David and of Jack - This is the Walk of Faith**

1 John 4:17

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

How does God visibly do this through us in this world? –
not by faith, but by faith being faith = meaning faith acts.
Faith moves, faith declares.

Here It Comes Now – Wait for It...

1 John 2:6

He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

**When Eyes Can Hear Us
There Is Nowhere To Hide**

1c.) Our pride is laid low before God

vs. 2b

Verse 2b

2b but not before God.

Revelation 1:17-18

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hell and of Death.

Isaiah 6:1-5

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" 4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts."

Daniel 8:27

And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for days afterward.

Philippians 2:10-11

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth,
and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is
Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

End of Study

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