

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 – Part 2

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."

"I FELT MY HEART STRANGELY WARMED"

CONFESSED JOHN WESLEY

"In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Book of Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, *I felt my heart strangely warmed*. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.

From that moment on John Wesley's Life was No Longer His

When Eyes Can Hear Us

The Abraham & David Examples of Faith & Fellowship.

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

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?

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

Hebrews 11:8

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

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 the visible God reveal Himself through us?

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.

Our Deeds Can Never Measure Up – There is No Measurements to Take.
There are Only Footsteps to Follow.

**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.

When Eyes Can Hear Us

2.) There is no way to lose

vs. 3

There Is No Way To Lose

2a.) Salvation is founded on the Scriptures

vs. 3

Like a Sign on the Road – “Attitude Check Ahead”

How responsive are you to following directions?

When it comes to obeying a command or reading the instructions in a manual – how compliant are you to the directions?

Verse 3

3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”

The Bible Says / The Bible Says / The Bible Says

Genesis 17:4-8

“As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you (Abraham), and you shall be a father of many (Goy) nations. 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many (Goy) nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations (Goy) of you, and kings shall come from you. 7 I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. 8 (the origin of the promise) I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, (Israel) as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”

So Then, Whose God is He?

He is The God of The Nations beginning with Israel first.

No act of Physical Circumcision (amount removed) **nor how deep** where you baptized (depth of water) can affect you spiritually in your soul nor provide you forgiveness of sins.

17 times in the Old Testament the words **“It is written”**

Joshua 8:31

as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the children of Israel, as **it is written** in the Book of the Law of Moses:

“It is written” 63 times in the New Testament

Professor F.F. Bruce

“Abraham simply took God at his word and acted accordingly.”

Accounted grk: logizomai

to reckon, the counting, to credit with, to apply or to deposit into your account.

Once Faith Takes Hold – An Explosion of Results Follows !

James 2:20-24

But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? 22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? 23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God. 24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

“Because Faith Works. Faith = Works.

Never Does Works = Faith.

Once after birth, the two are inseparable.”

Belief must become faith – faith will become reality

Romans 10:14-17

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!” 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “LORD, who has believed our report?” 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The Power & Supremacy of The Scriptures

Luke 24:1-27

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. 2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. 3 Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. 5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, 7 saying, "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' " :8 And they remembered His words. 9 Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. 11 And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened. :13 Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. 17 And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" 18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" :19 And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. 21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. 22 Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. 23 When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. 24 And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see." :25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

I'm Sensing a Little Heartburn Here -
Feeling Hearts Being "Strangely Warmed"

**When Eyes Can Hear Us
There Is No Way To Lose**

2b.) Salvation is independent of human effort

vs. 4

Verse 4

4 Now to him who works,
the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

Works grk: ergazomai
seeks to accomplish, seeks to achieve, to commit to, one who labors to do, to perform, practice, repeat, seeks to trade or to barter.

Wages grk: misthos
pay, earnings, rate, compensation, terms of.

Debt grk: opheilema
to be owed to, an act requiring payment.

**When Eyes Can Hear Us
There Is No Way To Lose**

2c.) Salvation is a radical transformer

vs. 5

Verse 5

5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies
the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,

I HAVE A REALLY BIG QUESTION(S) FOR YOU

Notice the obvious here, according to the Bible the ungodly can become godly. But how does that happen?

It's not his faith that makes him righteous – because faith how, is what you place in an object or in a person - - the object of Abrahams faith was God.

**Again, a Question for You:
“Before Abram was changed into Abraham –**

**What happened to him for that to take place?
(How did Abram get a new name? A new life and new God?)**

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ (atoned for), he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Colossians 2:9-10

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

“I FELT MY HEART STRANGELY WARMED”

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The Blind Man Felt His Heart Strangely Warmed

John 9:25-26

He answered and said, “Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.” 26 Then they said to him again, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” 27 He answered them, “I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?”

John 9:28-29

Then they reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples. 29 We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from.”

This Blind Man Felt His Heart Strangely Warmed

The Lame Man Felt His Heart Strangely Warmed

The Dumb Man Felt His Heart Strangely Warmed

The Lost Man Felt His Heart Strangely Warmed

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