



Romans 4:1-25 | Week 5 | 3/2/2014

1. What is the main conclusion that Paul draws from the doctrine of justification by grace? (3:27,28; 4:2)
2. Why do you think it is natural to live by a justification by works? What areas of our everyday life operate by a justification by works?
3. What did Abraham believe and why was it counted to him as righteousness? (4:2-5; Genesis 15:5,6)
4. Although Abraham doubted (Genesis 17:17), he turned to and embraced God's promise. Have you ever doubted God's promise? How should we respond to doubts?
5. What accomplishments of God does Paul point our attention to? (4:17-20)
6. What do you need to believe in order for righteousness to be "counted" to you? (4:24-25)
7. Our justification is not a wage earned, but it is a gift (4:4-5). There is nothing you can do to earn it. Why is it offensive to say, "there is nothing you can do?"
8. Paul Tripp asks, "how is your present discouragement, disappointment, confusion, or grief a window on what has actually captured your heart?" Why is this true? What is different when Jesus has captured your heart?
9. Why is the old adage, "God helps those who help themselves", not true? (4:6-8)
10. Pray.