

How to be Accepted by God

Romans 4:1-17

Introduction:

Today people seek a Salvation by ...

- heritage sincerity
- subtraction service
- Sunday school

1. The religion of _____ Achievement.

2. The religion of _____ Accomplishment.

Romans 3:28 *For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.*

What does Romans 4 says to us?

- Do you have any **Jewish friends**?
- Have you been trying to **earn** your **salvation**?
- Do you have a **saving faith**?
- Do you **understand** what living daily by Faith is?

*We **don't** become acceptable to God by...*

#1. Doing _____ .

1st. There is no _____, just _____

1) What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? 2) For is Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about; but not before God.

3) For what does the Scripture say? "And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to Him as righteousness."

Genesis 15:5 *And He took him outside and said, Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you care able to count them. And He said to him, So shall your descendants be.*

6 *Then he believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.*

- What does **reckon/credited** mean?

2nd. There is no _____ earning, just _____ giving

4) *Now to the one who works, his wage is not reckoned as a favor, but as what is due.*

Romans 3:23 *the wages of sin is death.*

5) *But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness,*

- What does **justify** mean?

James 2:23 *Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness and he was called the friend of God.*

Hebrews 12:8 *but if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons*

3rd. _____ agrees with Abraham

6) *just as David also speaks of the blessing upon the man to whom God reckons righteousness apart from works: 7) "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, and whose sins have been covered. 8) "Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account*

- What does **forgive** mean?

Psalm 103:12 *as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us*

*We **don't** become acceptable to God through...*

#2. Religious _____.

1st. Which came _____?

9) *Is this blessing then upon the circumcised, or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say, "Faith was reckoned to Abraham as righteousness." 10) How then was it reckoned? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised;*

Genesis 15:6 *Then he believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.*

Genesis 17:23 *Then Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all the servants who were born in his house and all who were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's household, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the very same day, as God had said to him.*

2nd. What is the _____?

11) and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be reckoned to them,
12) and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised

John 8:44 you are of your father the devil

We don't become acceptable to God by...

#3. Keeping the _____.

13) For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith. 14) For if those who are of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified; 15) for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

We are accepted by God...

#4. Through _____.

James 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered up Isaac his son on the alter? 22 You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which say, "And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God. 24 You see that a man is justified by works, and not by faith alone.

- What is the relationship between faith & works? You don't **do works** to be saved; nor does salvation come from faith **and** works; nor is one saved by a faith **without** works; but salvation comes through a faith **that works**

Why did God make our acceptance based only on faith?

1st. To demonstrate God's _____

16) For this reason it is by faith, that it might be in accordance with grace, in order that the promise may be certain to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all,

2nd. To demonstrate God's _____

17) as it is written, "A Father of Many Nations Have I Made you" in the sight of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.

Conclusion:

#1-Do you have _____ faith?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Visible Morality | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Love for God |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Intellectual Knowledge | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Repentance for sin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5-Religious Involvement | <input type="checkbox"/> 6-Genuine Humility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7-Active Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> 8-Devotion to God's Glory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9-Conviction of sin | <input type="checkbox"/> 10-Continual Prayer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11-Assurance | <input type="checkbox"/> 12-Selfless Love |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13-A Time of Decision | <input type="checkbox"/> 14-Separation from the World |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15-Church Attendance | <input type="checkbox"/> 16-Spiritual Growth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 17-Knowledge of Theology | <input type="checkbox"/> 18-Obedient Living |

#2-Are you living for _____?

Hebrews 11:10 *for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God*

- Look at your _____, _____ & _____

#3-Do you enjoy the _____ found in God's unconditional acceptance of you by Grace?

Next week: Read Romans 4:16-25 and seek to discover how you can believe God for a miracle.