

Romans 4:5-8

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) 4:5 Until a person confesses that he is ungodly, he is not a candidate for salvation because he is still hoping in his own capacity.
- 2) 4:5 God justifies us not by disregarding our sin, but by imputing (crediting) our sin to Jesus Christ.
- 3) 4:5 It is shocking for many to hear that a holy God accepts unholy people as righteous solely on the basis of nothing but faith.
- 4) 4:6 By bringing King David into the conversation, Paul was amplifying the truth that all stand unworthy before God (3:23), but all can be worthy (4:5).
- 5) 4:7 Paul quoted David from Psalm 32, which was written after his willful abandonment of God's Law (see 2 Samuel 11).
- 6) 4:8 The highest term a Greek could use to describe a state of happiness was "blessed." Here it means "between you and God all is well." It means you are deeply secure, profoundly content in God, even if your circumstances are miserable (Matthew 5:11-12).
- 7) 4:8 Once we are justified, our record/account contains Christ's perfect righteousness and can never again contain our sins. Christians do sin, and these sins need to be confessed if we are to have fellowship with God (1 John 1:5–7); but these sins are not held against us. God does keep a record of our works, so that He might reward us when Jesus comes; but He is not keeping a record of our sins.

- 8) 4:8 It was not the greatness of David's faith that saved him; it was the greatness of the God in whom he placed his faith.

GREEK WORDS

Asebēs (as-eb-ace')—ungodliness; irreverent, impious or wicked

Makarios (mak-ar'-ee-os)—supremely blest; by extension fortunate, well off :- happy (× -ier)

Logizomai (log-id'-zom-ahee) to *take an inventory* :- (ac-) count (of), impute, reckon, think (on)

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