

IT'S THE NOT KNOWING THAT BEATS ME UP

Romans 4

RIGHT THINKING UNDERSTANDS

- I. Justification: a court room term
 - A. Grudem: "an instantaneous legal act of God"
God thinks of our sins as forgiven.
God declares us to be righteous.
 - B. Vines: "the legal, formal acquittal from guilt"
 - C. To admit we are a sinner is true but it is not enough; that means we know we are guilty.
 - D. Romans 4:25 connects Jesus' death and resurrection with God's declaration.

- II. Righteousness: defined by character and loyalty
 - A. Character: qualities that consistently define us.
 - B. Loyalty: speaks to a person's allegiance.
 - C. Credited: God took inventory of Abraham.

- III. Faith: arguably is an action word.
 - A. Hebrews 11:1 "Faith IS the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."
 - B. Faith looks a lot like Abraham.
 - C. Faith means acting in obedience, not putting faith in our obedience.
 - I pray we rest in the grace of Jesus Christ.
 - I pray we live with Godly hope against all earthly hope.
 - I pray the promise of God would not stagger us but our faith in times of uncertainty would give God glory.
 - I pray we will be fully convinced that God is able.

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drawing people who need Jesus to know and grow in Him.

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