

NO ROOM FOR BOASTING

Romans 3:27 – 4:25

1. No boasting – 3:27-4:15

Justification includes:-

- a. Sins forgiven – 4:7,8
- b. Declared right with God – receiving Christ's righteousness

Understanding justification

- a. We are justified by faith – 3:28
- b. Same for all people – 3:29,30
- c. True for Abraham – 4:1-15
 - 1. He was credited with righteousness – v.1-9
 - 2. When did he receive this?
 - a. Before circumcision – 4:10-12
 - b. Before the law was given – 4:13-15

2. Solid ground for assurance – 4:16-25

- a. The incredible promise – v.16-19
- b. The exercise of faith
 - 1. He saw the problem – v.19
 - 2. He trusted God's promise & power – v.20,21
- c. The Christian's assurance – v.23-25
 - 1. What God has promised – v.23,24
 - 2. What God has done – v.24,25
 - the death of Jesus. The SON became SIN
 - the resurrection of Jesus – v.25 cf.
John3:16;Rom.10:9;Is.53:6

3. Boasting in God

When our focus is on the God-story:-

a. We become worshippers of God – Ps.96:1-3

1.He has dealt fully with our sin – Rom.4:7,8

2.He has credited us with Christ's righteousness

b. We become confident Christians

1. Knowing who we are

2. Trusting God today & for glory

3. Telling others the Good News