



A. What is gained by the flesh? V. 1-3

- Nothing for our justification is gained by works of the flesh
- Paul then quotes Genesis 15:6
 - “And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness”
- Pisteuo-epistemology-important word because it describes not a fleeting momentary emotional belief but instead a “believing way of thinking”
- No one can muster and sustain this type of belief on their own
 - Jesus gives and sustains this type of belief

B. Paying our dues v. 4-8

- Now to the one who works his wages are his due
- There are those (regenerated by Christ) who believe in him who justifies the ungodly, their faith is counted as righteousness
- This is spiritual maturity
 - Does not work to earn God’s salvation
 - works because he loves God and wants to be obedient
 - Believes in him (thinks to be true-pisteuo) who justifies
 - The Ungodly (the one who does not worship God)
 - His faith is counted as righteousness
- David’s example:
 - Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven
 - Whose sins are covered
 - Blessed whom the Lord will not count his sin

C. Who can have these blessings? V. 9-12

- Circumcised or uncircumcised-Are you in the club or not?
- Paul says its not a religious act, country, family, cause etc... that will save you
- Everyone is saved the same way v. 11b-12
 - OT salvation is by faith looking forward to Christ
 - NT salvation is by faith looking backward to Christ
 - All salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone