

The Heart of the Gospel

ROMANS



The Goal Of Faith

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🌀 UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE:

- ☀ It is the _____ of Jesus Christ!
- ☀ It shows how we can have a _____ with God through Christ.

🌀 TWO DYNAMICS FOR A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD:

- ☀ We must be _____! ☀ God must be _____! [Eze 28:17]

TODAY'S BIG IDEA
A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOD AND ME REQUIRES
THAT I BE HUMBLER BEFORE GOD AND GOD BE EXALTED OVER ME.
GOD ACHIEVES THIS THROUGH HIS GOSPEL AND THE OUTWORKING OF MY FAITH.
THE GOAL OF FAITH IS TO HUMBLE ME AND THE END OF MY FAITH IS THE GLORY OF GOD!

TWO WAYS THAT FAITH HUMBLER US

I. Faith accomplishes _____!

A. We can't _____ ourselves.

■ ■ I can't _____ myself. [V5]

■ ■ I can't _____ myself and won't _____ God. [V2]

■ ■ I can never _____ enough to pay my debt. [V4, Matt 18:23-27]


• The man owed _____ Mercy

• The man owed _____ Grace

■ ■ The _____ precedes the _____. [V 13-14]

■ ■ Salvation is a _____. [V 4]

■ ■ Because _____ can. [V 9-11]

 **Righteousness**
= _____
• A legal act
• An amazing reality

B. We can't _____ ourselves.

■ ■ Faith is a _____. [Rom 4:11-12]

■ ■ I live-out my sanctification through _____. [Col 1:21-23]



Righteousness
= Sanctification
= _____
[1 Cor 1:26-31]

**FAITH SEES ME AS I AM IN CHRIST
NOT AS I BEHAVE IN THIS WORLD!**

■ ■ We have been set apart to be a people of _____.

C. We can't _____ ourselves.

■ ■ Our flesh is never _____.

■ ■ Our flesh is seldom _____.

■ ■ Faith will _____ us in ways we cannot even imagine.



Righteousness
= _____
= Ultimate Satisfaction

CLOSING:

⚙ Faith is a position of _____

⚙ Faith is a position of _____

⚙ Faith is a position of _____

THE BRILLIANCE OF THE GOSPEL:

APPLICATION & TRANSFORMATION

What does humility before God look like in your life?

What does it mean to you that we as a church are a community of Faith -
That we have been set-apart for Faith?

The thing that most challenged me or amazed me in today's message was...

Romans 4:1-16 ESV

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh?
2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." 4 Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. 5 And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, 6 just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:
7 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;
8 blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."
9 Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. 10 How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. 11 He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, 12 and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.
For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

Ezekiel 28:17 ESV

Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you.

V.2 NLT

If his good deeds had made him acceptable to God,
he would have had something to boast about. ***But that was not God's way.***

Matthew 18:23-27

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 ESV

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Colossians 1:21-23 ESV

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Galatians 3:3 ESV

Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit,
are you now being perfected by the flesh?

Philippians 3:3 ESV

For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit,
rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,

Ephesians 4:30 ESV

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,
by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Ecclesiastes 5:10 ESV

He who loves money will not be satisfied with money,
nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.

Ecclesiastes 6:7 ESV

All the toil of man is for his mouth, yet his appetite is not satisfied.

Proverbs 16:26 ESV

A worker's appetite works for him; his mouth urges him on.

Romans 14:17 ESV

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking
but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Lamentations 3:24 ESV

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him.