

Faith

Romans 3:21-31

Faith works where works fail.

What is justification?

It is a legal justification.

It is what God sees when He looks at you.

We are declared righteous because of what Jesus did.

Faith is believing God's promises in spite of the circumstances.

Application

- 1) How does the way that people look at good works and the way God looks at good works differ? (see Romans 4:2-5) Define "grace." How have you seen God's grace in your life?
- 2) Describe what it means to be "justified" before God? What is the source of our righteousness?
- 3) Look at the life of Abraham in Genesis 15:1-6 and Hebrews 11:8-12. Have you ever had a time of waiting for God to act in your life? Describe it.
- 4) Have you put your faith in God's promise of eternal life in Jesus? (Romans 4:23-25) What other promises are you trusting in today?

Prayer Tips;

Share with someone a tough circumstance that you are dealing with. What promise of God do you need to trust in right now? Pray for each other.

Pray for the youth as they begin their mission camp this week.

Pray for those going on the mission trips to the Philippines and the Ukraine.

Pray for ways to become involved in your community in order to spread the gospel to those that don't know Jesus Christ and to encourage those that do.

Scripture Memory

Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.

- Romans 4:4-5 NIV