

BAD NEWS, FAKE NEWS, GOOD NEWS

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Eye Witnesses
Romans 4:1-9

How can I know that I can be “justified” by faith?

How can I know that my best life comes through faith in grace?

Asking the Experts on Grace:

I. _____ says the best life is by Faith.

Romans 4:1-5 *What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. ⁵But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness...*

- “Credited”--

II. _____ says the best life is by grace.

Romans 4:6-9 *...just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: ⁷"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED. ⁸BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT." ⁹Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, "FAITH WAS CREDITED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS."*

Bono, lead singer of the band U2, said in an interview in 2001: "The most powerful idea that's entered the world in the last few thousand years—the idea of grace—is the reason I would like to be a Christian. Though, as I said to [U2 guitarist] The Edge one day, I sometimes feel more like a fan, rather than actually in the band. I can't live up to it. But the reason I would like to is the idea of grace. It's really powerful."

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



1. In what do I put my trust?
2. When have I put my trust in myself and been disappointed?
When have I put my trust in another person and been disappointed?
3. What does it look like to put my trust in God's grace in my everyday life?
4. What is one area of my life where I need to trust in God's grace right now?

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