

Contemplating the Knowledge of the Glory of God

(A Theological Refresher)

The God Who Justifies the Ungodly

Romans 4:5-8

Part 10

**A Proposition: Romans 4:5 is One of the Most Gloriously Startling Verses
in All the Bible.**

I. What Makes this so Startling?

The terms defined:

“justifies” - to be right or to declare one to be right (legal, formal acquittal)

“ungodly” - impious, without reverence for God, not merely irreligious,
but acting in violation of God's demands.

The problem:

“He who justifies the wicked, and condemns the just, both of them alike are an
abomination to the LORD.” Pr.17:15

II. What Makes this so Glorious? Rom.3:9-20,23 Cf. Psa.130:3; 143:2; Gal.3:10

III. What Makes this Possible?

Does God circumvent His holy justice and law? Cf. Ex.34:7

Christ alone. (double imputation) Rom.3:21-26

At Calvary we see the conjoining of God's holy justice, love, and grace.

Faith alone. Rom.3:21-4:5; 5:1; Gal.2:16

Justification defined: “That gracious act of God whereby, on the basis solely of Christ's
accomplished mediatorial work, he declares the sinner just, and the latter accepts this benefit with a believing heart.” (Hendricksen)

Grace alone. Rom.3:24,27; Eph.2:8,9

IV. What are Some Conclusions to be Drawn from These Things?

There is hope for the worst of sinners whether in the pew or the pigpen.

Cf. Lu.18:9-14; 1 Tim.1:15

Since according to the Scriptures, the justification of ungodly sinners is
by *grace alone*, through *Christ alone* and received by *faith alone* then
to God alone must be all the glory.