

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 2-28-10 PM NOTES  
"THE RESULTS OF JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH"  
ROMANS 3:27-31  
#20 in Series, "Verse by Verse through Romans"

"This doctrine is the head and the cornerstone. It alone begets, nourishes, builds, preserves, and defends the church of God; and without it the church of God cannot exist one hour."

- Martin Luther

"Wherever the knowledge of it is taken away, the glory of Christ is extinguished, religion abolished, the church destroyed, and the hope of salvation utterly overthrown."

- John Calvin

"The following discourse of justification ... seemed to be remarkably blessed, not only to establish the judgments of many in this truth, but to engage their hearts in a more earnest pursuit of justification, in that way that had been explained and defended; and *at that time*, while I was greatly reproached for defending this doctrine in the pulpit, and just upon my suffering a very open abuse for it, God's work wonderfully brake forth amongst us, and souls began to flock to Christ, as the Savior in whose righteousness alone they hoped to be justified. So that this was the doctrine on which this work in its beginning was founded, as it evidently was in the whole progress of it."

- Jonathan Edwards

"No man should like argument for the sake of argument. We should always regret the necessity; but though we regret it and bemoan it, when we feel that a vital matter is at stake we must engage in argument. We must 'earnestly contend for the truth', and we are all called upon to do that by the New Testament."

- Martyn Lloyd-Jones

**Philippians 1:7 (ESV)** "It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and **in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.**"

I. Boasting Is Excluded (V27-28)

**Philippians 3:4-8 (NKJV)** "<sup>4</sup> though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: <sup>5</sup> circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. <sup>8</sup> Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ"

**1 Corinthians 1:27-29 (ESV)** "<sup>27</sup> 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; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so **that no human being might boast** in the presence of God."

**1 Corinthians 4:7 (HCSB)** "For who makes you so superior? What do you have that you didn't receive? If, in fact, you did receive it, why do you **boast** as if you hadn't received it?"

**Galatians 6:14 (NKJV)** "But God forbid that I should **boast** except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

**Ephesians 2:9 (NKJV)** "not of works, lest anyone should boast."

**Psalms 40:2 (NIV)** "He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand."

*In loving kindness Jesus came  
My soul in mercy to reclaim,  
And from the depths of sin and shame  
Through grace He lifted me.*

*From sinking sand He lifted me,  
With tender hand He lifted me,  
From shades of night to plains of light,  
O praise His name, He lifted me.*

- Charles Gabriel (1905)

**Romans 3:27 (NIV)** “Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith.”

“Faith is nothing but the instrument or channel by which this righteousness of God in Christ becomes ours. It is not faith that saves us. What saves us is the Lord Jesus Christ and His perfect work. It is the death of Christ upon Calvary’s cross that saves us. It is His perfect life that saves us. It is His appearing on our behalf in the presence of God that saves us. It is God putting Christ’s righteousness to our account that saves us. This is the righteousness that saves; faith is but the channel and the instrument by which His righteousness becomes mine. The righteousness is entirely Christ’s. My faith is not my righteousness and I must never define or think of faith as righteousness. Faith is nothing but that which links us to the Lord Jesus Christ and His righteousness.”

- Martyn Lloyd-Jones

**James 2:24 (NKJV)** “You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.”

II. Distinctions are Abolished (V29-30)

**John 14:6 (NKJV)** “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”

**Acts 4:12 (NKJV)** “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

III. The Law Is Established (V31)

**Galatians 3:24 (NKJV)** “Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.”

**Romans 8:3-4 (NKJV)** “<sup>3</sup> For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”

**John 6:44 (NKJV)** “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

“Oh, my dear hearers, come to Jesus! Come in the morning when the dew is on your branch, for He will not cast you out. Come in the heat of noon, when the drought of care parches you, and He will not cast you out. Come when the shadows have grown long, and the darkness of the night is gathering about you, for He will not cast you out. The door is not shut; for the gate of mercy closes not so long as the gate of life is open.”

- Charles Spurgeon

