

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 3-7-10 PM NOTES  
"GOD'S ACCOUNTING"  
ROMANS 4:1-8  
#21 in Series, "Verse by Verse through Romans"

**Revelation 13:8b (NIV)** "...the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world."

"I have preached justification by faith so often, and I feel sometimes that you are so slow to receive it, that I could almost take the Bible and bang it about your heads."

- Martin Luther

I. Righteousness Is Not by Works (V1-2, 4)

**Matthew 1:1 (NKJV)** "The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of **David**, the Son of **Abraham**".

**Joshua 24:2 (NKJV)** "And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Your fathers, *including* Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, dwelt on the other side of the River in old times; and they served other gods.'"

**Psalms 115:3 (NKJV)** "But our God *is* in heaven; He does whatever He pleases."

II. Righteousness Is by Faith (V3)

**Genesis 15:4-5 (NKJV)** "<sup>4</sup> And behold, the word of the Lord *came* to him, saying, 'This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.' <sup>5</sup> Then He brought him outside and said, 'Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.' And He said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.'"

**Galatians 3:16 (NKJV)** "Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, 'And to seeds,' as of many, but as of one, '*And to your Seed,*' **who is Christ.**"

**Isaiah 53:5-6 (NKJV)** "<sup>5</sup> But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

**John 1:29 (NKJV)** "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

### III. Righteousness Is Imputed (V5-8)

“We have, therefore, as plain as it is possible to express it, the truth that God has with fixed determination made a precise and mathematical calculation in which He has written off as gone forever all of the sin of the one who trusts in the vicarious atonement which He has provided in Jesus Christ, and that He has with thought and care placed the deposit of His own righteousness to their credit so that the books which once declared them bankrupt now manifest them as possessors of all that God could ever require of them.”

- Donald Barnhouse

*My sin – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought:  
My sin not in part, but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord O my soul!*

- Horatio G. Spafford (1873)