

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit our website at vbc.online/events for more detailed information.
You can also sign up for our weekly email newsletter by contacting admin@thecrossing.org.

- Family Camp Registration Begins - Monday, May 6th @ 7am
 - Women's Day Cityteam - Friday, May 10th
 - Cityteam Oakland - Saturday, May 18th
- Community Service Day - Saturday, May 25th @ 9am
- Goodguys Church Service - Sunday, June 2nd @ 10am
- Vacation Bible School - June 17th - 20th (Registration Open)
 - EXTOL: Prayer & Praise - Thursday, June 27th @ 7pm
- "Newsies" Musical @ Woodminster - Friday, July 5th @ 8pm
- Texas vs A's Game with Fireworks - Saturday, July 27th @ 6pm

NEXT STEPS

If you're new to VBC, we're glad you're here!
Visit our Connections Desk in the lobby to get more info about our church and how to connect in the following ways:

- SUNDAY MORNINGS
- SMALL GROUPS
- SPECIAL EVENTS
- SET UP A MEETING
- SERVE

You can also find more details online at thecrossing.org/connect/new-here

SONGS & SERMONS

"Because He Lives" - Gloria Gaither,
William J. Gaither

"Freedom" - Valley Bible Worship

"The Rock Won't Move" - Kyle Fredricks,
Landon MacDonald, Tyler Miller, Jacob Sooter

"Give Me Faith" - Brian Houston

"Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)" - Hillsong

"Do It Again" - Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Matt
Redman, Steven Furtick

To listen or watch today's message,
visit thecrossing.org/media

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$585,378.00

Giving: Last Week.....\$28,365.00
Y-T-D Giving.....\$540,270.00

Text "valleybiblegive" 779-77 to give today.

Romans

FAITH AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019

MUSIC: MIKE SHAW | MESSAGE: CHARLIE MENG

MESSAGE NOTES

Righteousness by Faith

Romans 4:1-12

The Faith-Righteousness Principle:

Rom. 3:27 *Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. ²⁹ Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, ³⁰ since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. ³¹ Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.*

Why Abraham?

1. Lived 2000 years before Paul – salvation by faith was always God's method.
2. Paul has explained a lot of theology – Abraham is held up as an example.
3. Abraham serves as a model for the faith-righteousness principle.

Faith in God's promise secures our right-standing before Him.

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1. Abraham did not work for his righteousness.

Rom. 4:1 *What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh?² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.*

2. OT Scripture supports the faith-righteousness principle.

Rom. 4:3 *For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,*

3. King David also supports the faith-righteousness principle.

Rom. 4:6 *just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:⁷ "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;⁸ blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."*

Faith alone is the universal standard for our right-standing before God.

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1. Abraham's example reveals the intention for circumcision.

Rom. 4:9 *Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness.¹⁰ How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised.^{11a} He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised.*

2. All of humanity has access to righteousness by the means of faith.

Rom. 4:11b *The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well,¹² and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.*

This Week:

The faith-righteousness reality creates a whole new mindset.

Two immediate examples:

Rom. 5:1 *Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Rom. 6:11 *So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

Consider how the faith-righteousness principle informs your attitude towards the following:

1. Godly obedience
2. Evangelism
3. Works based religions
4. Your relationship with God/others
5. Victory over sin
6. Suffering