



Romans 4:22-25

God's Righteousness Imputed

- *Rom 4:22* – NKJV “*And therefore it was accounted to him for righteousness.*”
 - What is ‘*it*’?
 - Newell – ‘There is no more striking description of the principle and process of faith than in this passage.’
 - Imputed = reckoned
 - indicative, aorist, passive
 - What was the faith based on?
 - Note the ‘*therefore*’ – what’s it there for? (J. Vernon McGee)
 - Yes faith, but v21 that “*He was able to perform it*”
 - **Remember always, there is no merit on the part of the recipient!**
 - Same wonderful truth in *Rom 4:3* & *Gen 15:6* (Abraham) and *Rom 4:6* (David)



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- *Rom 4:23 – NKJV “Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him,”*
 - Who is ‘his’?
 - ‘That’ – could be recitative or declarative
 - Again *imputed*, λογίζομαι (logizomai) - accounted or reckoned
 - The bigger picture here becomes more than suggested
 - *I Cor 10:11 – “Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.”*
 - **The Old Testament has tremendous value – what would we do without it?**



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- *Rom 4:24 – ASV “but for our sake also (‘also because of us’ – ILG), unto whom it shall be reckoned, **who believe on him that raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,**”*
 - *Acts 2:39 “For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all who are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”*
 - **A qualified reckoning** – present active indicative
 - **The resurrection is a key emphasis of Paul’s gospel!**
 - *I Cor 15:4 “and that He was buried, and that **He arose again** the third day according to the Scriptures,”*
 - *Rom 10:9 “that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that **God hath raised Him from the dead,** thou shalt be saved.”*



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- But also other NT authors
 - *Heb 13:20, 21* “Now the God of peace, who **brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus**, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”
 - *1 Pet 1:21* “By Him ye believe in God, who **raised Him up from the dead** and gave Him glory, that your faith and hope might be in God.”
- **Can someone be saved without believing this?**
 - God who quickened Abraham's body, a vessel that Abraham and Sarah considered to be dead, raised up our the Lord Jesus Christ
 - *Dead* **νεκρ**□**ν**, nekros - physically or spiritually



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- *Rom 4:25 – ILG “Who was given over (to death) because of the trespasses of us and was raised because of the justification of us.”*
 - **The entire truth of the cross summarized here!**
 - *Isaiah 53:12 “Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He hath poured out His soul unto death. And He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”*
 - *2 Cor 5:21 “For He hath made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.”*



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- *1 Pet 2:24 'who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed.'*
- *Rom 6:4,5 Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, so we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,"*
 - *'was delivered'* and *'was raised'* – aorist, passive, indicative
 - *'because'* = *'on account of'*
 - *'Justification'* is best translated – *'the act of justifying'*
 - **Is justification an objective and/or a subjective change?**
 - JFB – *'a change from guilt and condemnation to acquittal and acceptance.'*
 - Let's get personal here – *John 17:1-5, 13-26*



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- And this justification is unto life – Chapter 5 awaits us
 - God has saved not those of good conscience or works, but the ungodly
 - We're new creations in Christ Jesus
 - Positioned and seated above

(Newell - Romans Verse by Verse, pg 159, 160)



What it's not	What it is
Regeneration	Declaration of God
Change in heart	By Christ only
Unjust man → Just	Faith-based
Sanctification	Placed in Christ



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- Today's None But the Hungry Heart

(Miles J. Stanford) –

“If you do not know your union with the Lord Jesus in heaven, you cannot come out in the power of the heavenly Man to act from Him on earth, to be descriptive of Him. You can never be heavenly by effort. Many seek to be heavenly by prayer, reading the Word, devotedness, but the only pathway to it is to be brought by the Holy Spirit to realize union with our risen Lord. **You are heavenly by union, by nature.** Abide in Him.”