



2025 Family Devo

Week of Mar 9

READ: Ro 4:1-8

Main Idea: Paul makes the important point that if we think we are justified by our good works, then that means we think we have earned our salvation. This would also mean we think our salvation is not a gift from God. This cannot be true. Verse 5 says “to the one who does not work,” (which means the one who does not trust his good works to make him deserving of heaven) but instead believes in Jesus and knows he is saved because of God’s grace, he is the one who’s “faith is counted as righteousness.”

DISCUSS

Children: Salvation is a gift that we receive from God through faith. It's not a matter of earning or paying for our salvation, but rather it's a free gift that we can't earn or pay for ourselves. It's something that God offers us when we put our trust in Jesus, turn from our sins and are baptized.

Teen: What is faith? What are works? Which is better for us to rely on self (works), or God (faith)? Which shows more love, a gift given or a payment worked for?

Adult: Do you feel guilt for those times when you fail in your Christian walk? Guilt, not remorse. Should you? Have you known someone whose guilt almost paralyzed them, making them unwilling to act for God? Although we should recognize our sin and imperfections, we should also recognize that God has justified us through Jesus' death and resurrection. God treats us as if we had not sinned. He doesn't remember and hold it against us. But we cannot earn that forgiveness. God has gifted us with his forgiveness. Do you recognize it as a gift?

PRAY

MEMORIZE

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

