

ROMANS

SEEING WHAT IS RIGHT • THROUGH GOD'S EYES

Romans 4&5 “Credited”

Sunday, February 25 – Marvin Brubacher

Faith – The Only Way!

Romans 4:1:25

A question that causes us to probe deeply (4:1-3)

- Abraham is important – the forefather
- Abraham had two possibilities
 - Justified by works
 - Justified by faith

Two examples to illustrate the point (4: 4-8)

- A labourer – His wages are an obligation.
- King David – His righteousness is a free gift

A strong conclusion to the inquiry (4:16-17)

- The promise comes by faith as a gift and is guaranteed to all of Abraham's children.
- The promise rests in God – the God who gives life to the dead and creates everything in the world.

A story that demonstrates the walk of faith (4: 18-22)

- Facing the facts – without God's involvement, the situation is hopeless
- Trusting the promises – with God's powerful presence, the situation is possible
- Living the reality – with God's strengthening, I move forward by faith

A personal application (4: 23-25)

- For Abraham – who believed by faith in God's promise
- For all of us – who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead