



THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

ROMANS 4:9-25 * MARCH 12, 2023

CIRCUMCISION AND THE LAW

ROMANS 4:9-15

Being justified by faith apart from works
is necessary for _____.

The Law is only good for showing us what
we have _____; it is our faith
that makes us _____ with God.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BELIEVE GOD?

ROMANS 4:16-25

- ❶ To understand that _____ is greater than my feelings or how things appear.
- ❷ To _____ on what the truth about God is.
- ❸ To trust the _____ word of God.

Bottom line: Saving faith is a trust _____.

STRENGTHENING YOUR FAITH

ROMANS 4:18-21; HEBREWS 11:13

- ❶ Genuine faith is strengthened when we are required to _____ on God's promises to be fulfilled.
- ❷ Growing/maturing faith is directly proportional to our _____ of God and His Word.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FAITH & WORKS

ROMANS 4:3-5; JAMES 2:20-24

- ➡ We are saved by God's grace through faith _____.
- ➡ Works are the _____ of sincere faith, not the _____ or catalyst of our salvation.

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. How do you feel about salespeople who try to sell you something that they probably wouldn't use themselves or who don't believe in their product?
2. Read Romans 4:13-25. God promised that Abraham and his offspring would inherit the world. According to verses 13-17, who are Abraham's offspring? What difference does it make whether the promise to Abraham and his off spring is fulfilled by law or grace?
3. How does Abraham illustrate our own hopeless predicament as non-Christians and the solution provided in Jesus Christ?
4. How has Abraham's example in this chapter helped you to understand being declared righteous by grace through faith alone (apart from the Law or works)?
5. Read James 4:20-26. Both James and Paul quote from Genesis 15:6 to prove their point concerning faith and works. How can we reconcile these two seemingly incompatible ideas—that we are saved by faith and not works; and faith without works is dead?
6. In what ways are Abraham and Rahab different? In what ways are they similar? If we are saved by faith alone, why are works important?