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The Heart of the Matter

Romans: the Heart of the Matter

"Justification Illustrated"

Lamplighters Women's Bible Study Oct. 28, 2015

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.



When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

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His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

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When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.



Announcements

- 3 more lessons until our break! We will have a fellowship for everyone on Nov. 18 after small groups. Mark will be doing all the work for us, so just plan to stay and chat.
- The Giving Tree will be up by Nov. 18 if any small groups want to participate
- personal thank you



Romans 4:1-25

Abraham Father of Faith 4:1-15

Abraham's Faith and Our Faith 4:16-25



7 Characteristics of Justification Rom. 3:21-31

- 1. Apart from the Law (vs. 21)
- 2. Through faith in Christ (vs.22a)
- 3. For all men (vv.22b-23)
- 4. By grace (vs.24)
- 5. At great cost to God (vv.24b-25)
- 6. In perfect justice (vv. 25-26)
- 7. To establish the law (vv. 27-31)



—Warren Weirsbe

Humankind

Abraham

-ignored God 1:20, 25

-believed in God 4:17

-knew about God but didn't worship him as God 1:20

-recognized God's power & trusted Him to use it 4:21

-did not give God the glory He was due 1:21

-gave God the glory He was due 4:20

-dishonored their own bodies by worshipping being that were not divine 1:24

-worshipped a God that gives new life even regaining his ability to have a child

Abraham

1. He was justified by faith, not works

vv.1-8

2. He was justified by grace, not law

vv. 9-17

3. He was justified by resurrection power, not human effort vv.18-25

