

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN THE WORLD!

ROMANS 4

FAITH COUNTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Paul's Gospel and the Righteousness of God

- 1. Getting saved isn't our way to get God involved in what we want.
--It is not us making God our servant—a genie in the bottle.**
- 2. Getting saved is God's way of getting us involved in what He wants.
--God is the Master we are the servants.**
- 3. Christ's work of Redemption has SET US FREE from the old self under sin and death, and we are now a new creation in Christ—made His servants of righteousness (Rom. 6:18; 2 Cor. 5:17).**
- 4. Paul's preaching of God's BUT NOW Mystery Truth for today, declares His Righteousness and Wisdom releases His Power and displays His Glory. (Rom. 1:16; 3:21-26; 11:33-36; 16:25-27; 1 Cor. 2:1-8; Eph. 3:8-21)**
- 5. Our great privilege is that when we respond to Mystery truth in faith, we too participate in the display of His Glory.
--We can walk in a way that is accepted by and pleases God, something the fallen, lost world cannot do.**

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- 6. God doesn't give us blessings "in ourselves."
--He gives us blessings "in Christ." (Eph. 1:3)**
- 7. God doesn't give us blessings for our own use and to advance our own plans and purposes.
--He gives us blessings so that He can provide us with all that we need to participate in and advance His plan and purpose.
--Example: This is obvious and common-sense life—getting a job at a company.**
- 8. The key to walking well-pleasing to the Lord is to:
 - a. Know what God is really doing today: Heavenly/Mystery/Body of Christ/Grace NOT Earthly/Prophecy/Nation of Israel/Law.**
 - b. Know what the provisions are that God gives us today to participate in what He is really doing today: Spiritual Blessings NOT Physical/Material Blessings.****

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9. **When we use the blessings/provisions God has given to us by faith in Him and His Truth for today (Mystery Truth), God's power is released! (Eph. 1:15-23).**

10. **And when this happens God's Glory is displayed, especially in the heavenlies.**
 - a. **Yes, in the future (Eph. 1:10,2:7),**
 - b. **But also RIGHT NOW (Eph. 3:10-11)**

11. **And anything we participate in through God's Power and Glory in Christ, always pleases the Lord and lasts forever. (1 Cor. 3:10-4:5; 2 Tim. 2:15)**

11. **The best way to sum this up is to consider that our selves were crucified with Christ, died with Christ and buried with Christ and NOW it is not I who live but it is Christ living in me. (Gal. 2:20)**