**“How to Be ‘Right’ with God!”**

**(Romans 4)**

**There can be no more urgent and relevant question to ask than “How can I be right with God?” While man answers this in a variety of ways, God’s Word is crystal clear that our righteousness before God (personal salvation) is attained…**

 **I. Not by Works (1-8)**

 *(Saved through faith alone!)*

 **II. Not by Rituals (9-12)**

 *(Trust in Christ, not in rituals!)*

**III. Not by the Law (13-17)**

 *(It’s all about God’s promise!)*

 **IV. Only by Genuine Faith (18-25)**

 *(The right kind of faith!)*

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 **Small Group Discussion Guide**

**1. Share something from Sunday’s study that was the most interesting**

 **or challenging to you, or that raised a question.**

**2. Read and discuss Romans 4:1-8. How would you explain verses 4-5**

 **in your own words? If good works don’t get us to Heaven why does**

 **the Bible emphasize good works so much?**

**3. Read and discuss Romans 4:9-12. Take a look Paul’s other verses**

 **on circumcision and identify what is more important than the**

 **external ritual in each verse. (Romans 2:28-29; 1 Corinthians 7:19;**

 **Galatians 5:6; 6:15). How can we make sure our faith is more than**

 **just externals & rituals?**

**4. Read and discuss Romans 4:13-17. Note that God’s salvation, is not**

 **through the law, but by faith in God’s promise. How does Galatians**

 **3:17-18 help explain this? What should our attitude be toward God’s**

 **law?**

**5. Read and discuss Romans 4:18-25. What are some key phrases in**

 **these verses that describe Abraham’s faith? Do you believe that you**

 **are growing stronger in faith? Why or why not? What are some**

 **keys to growing stronger in faith?**

**Digging Deeper**

**“Righteousness” and “justified” come from the same root word and form a major theme in Romans. Circle these words (and related forms) each time they occur in Romans 3:21 to 4:6. Jot down a definition of the word “justified.” Compare your definition with a Bible Dictionary online at**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/eastons-bible-dictionary/Justification>

**Read Galatians 3:6-29 and jot down the similarities with Romans 4.**

**For Next Week**

**Read Romans 5:1-11 several times and jot down all the benefits and blessings of our salvation found in these verses.**