

# Romans 4:4-8 The Blessedness of Faith

## vs 1 Work Never Satisfies

- You work, work, think, if I just had a little more money --- Explain

- Genesis 3:17-19 Explain

- How to be Rich → ~~God~~ is just working

- WORK = DEBT

- This doesn't work with God --- God doesn't owe us anything

- "God doesn't owe us anything. Therefore ↓ say to thank him for everything

- Don't get me wrong → work is satisfying → ~~|||||~~ ~~|||||~~ ~~|||||~~

- Work hard and you'll succeed - ?

- Hard work PAYS OFF → DOES IT?

- God the creator owes nothing to the creation

Think about  
Ans

- God, you owe me salvation! You owe me heaven

- I've earned my place into glory, the street of gold  
the pearl gates. It's mine

Explain

- Implications: You've determined the criteria in order  
to make it to heaven. (Explain) What? How?

- Not only are you saying you deserve it, but you are  
standing in the place of God, and saying I will determine  
who gets in and who doesn't. I know. Never mind  
that it's God that sits upon the judgment seat. (J to the son)

- If you get in by works, then you're telling to Jesus  
"step aside here, I'll handle this one"

- WORKS doesn't work ---

- I wonder if we can learn a few things about  
physical work by looking at a sprinkler work or h.v.

- WAGES → 1 hour = 1 dollar

- There more to it than just labor to get a stream of income ---

[READ] MATTHEW 6: They have their reward ---

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## Spirituality

There is a reward for work, but it's not ETERNAL...

## Physiology

- There is a reward for work, but it's not perpetual
- It's got a limited value, and it's gone in the using
- You work 1 hour, you get 20 dollars, 8 of it goes to Medicare/Medicaid / SS. / Payroll with holding...  
Then you go buy some groceries you spend \$10 on food and what's left goes to the state to pay for all this fine education our children are receiving -

- It's gone

- But that's how God set it up in the Garden

"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread..."

- So of all you do is labor all your life...

- Then all you get is wages all your life... and they will perish in the using...

- You can save some of these wages, but as soon as you break them out & use them, THEY'RE GONE!

- EARNING MONEY IS ONE THING... CREATING MONEY IS ANOTHER...

- The people that teach how to get rich, they specialize  
not in earning money & wages → BUT CREATING MONEY...

- ENTREPRENEURSHIP / INVESTING / ~~KEEPING YOUR MONEY~~  
TAKING RISKS / ASSETS THAT MAKE MONEY...

- In other words, in the financial / physical realm,  
It takes more than HARDWORK to get ahead...

- GOD SET IT UP THIS WAY → IT'S AN EXAMPLE  
IT'S ANOTHER TRUTH IN THIS WORLD THAT PERMITS TO  
Galvanize...

- WORKS IS NOT ENOUGH...

v54-5

Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

And there it is... You talk about the greatest Get Rich Quick book to be ever written.

(2:5) James Harken, ye beloved brethren, hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

I want to tell you this morning.

If you are saved, you are the richest person to walk this earth. If you've put your faith & trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, THE NOT EVEN SOLOMON IN ALL HIS GLORY WAS ARRAYED (OR CLOTHED) LIKE ONE OF THESE.

CLOTHED in the Righteousness of Christ the greatest that heaven & earth can afford.

It doesn't matter ~~how poor you are~~, what state you may find yourself... whether poor, or imprisoned, or sick or ~~poor~~ alone, you are blessed beyond measure.

I feel you, it's really easy to fret in this old world. There's plenty to fret about.



We fret about our finances, we fret about our jobs...  
We fret about our fat (our weigh). We fret  
about our health... We fret about our homes...  
There isn't anything good enough. We're never  
satisfied.

- Forgetting + ignoring the fact that has blessed  
us with Salvation!

- Our biggest problem is not money, it's not  
disease, it's not our enemy, it's SIN + God  
has defeated it and triumphed over it in  
Jesus Christ. He's taken away the curse...  
He broke the bonds of SIN, satisfied the  
Law... He's busted loose the gates of Hell  
and saved us, and translated us to a  
heavenly kingdom. We are so blessed!

Read vs 6-8

Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven  
Blessed are they whose sin are covered  
Blessed is the man to whom the LORD will not impute sin...

I can't remember exactly what Bro. Lecky said  
last week... but when someone says something 3X  
It's a big deal...  
If God says you're blessed 3X then  
you are blessed.

- You wouldn't think that, looking at our faces  
somehow -- (Kays face)
- When you're blessed, there's joy. When you're  
blessed, there's contentment & satisfaction ...
- Godliness w/ contentment is great gain ...
- I know what you're thinking ... Easter Sunday then done ...
- It is, but it's true ...
- We are the church - the "eklesia" - the  
called out assembly ... the bride of Christ ...
- "The only difference ... I'm forgiven ..."
- I hope that is not the only difference ...

The world is lost → The church is saved.  
 The world is going to hell → The church is going to heaven.  
 The world is infernal → The saved has got peace like a river.  
 The world is ~~lost~~ the devil → The saved ~~is~~ is lead by the HS  
 pushed & driven <sup>but</sup> the Comforter / the Good Shepherd  
 This world is cursed → <sup>but</sup> the church is blessed ...

Blessed! Blessed! Blessed beyond measure!

I'm telling you I'm blessed ... Thank God that  
 I believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly ...  
 Thank God I put my faith & trust in the LORD  
 Jesus Christ to save this ungodly sinner ...

I'm blessed, My sins are forgiven.  
Like the song, "It is well with my soul"

"My Sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My Sin, not in part but this whole (Thank God the whole)  
Jesus nailed it to an old rugged cross --  
I don't have to hear it anymore!  
Praise the LORD, praise the LORD, OH MY SOUL."

It is well with my soul, I am blessed --

Blessed is the man ~~is the man~~ to whom the LORD  
will not impute sin --

You're the man [Explain]

WE ARE THEY

The Blessedness of Faith --

Your heart trouble with the world --> Faith is the victory that overcomes the world  
You're out of hope, in despair --> Faith is the substance of things hoped for  
God is not happy with you --> Without Faith it is impossible to please God  
If your broken, terrified --> Thy faith hath made thee whole  
I've got such mountains to cross ... Faith the size of a mustard seed

I'm lost, if I died right now  
I'd go to hell. I'm a sinner  
in need of a savior. My  
righteousness is as filthy rags

But to him that worketh not,  
but believeth on him that justifieth  
the ungodly, his faith is  
counted for righteousness --

^ can move mountains



## Oh the blessedness of faith...

- There's NO greater blessing our world can afford, than to believe in God. (It's the greatest blessing because →
- There's no greater person to believe in than God. There is no power, person, principle, idea, thing to believe than Almighty God.
- God is good. And his son is wonderful. And his spirit is sweet.
- I may not be a great man of faith. A great prayer warrior. I may not be the best spiritual leader of my home.
- But I believe in God.
- I trust the LORD.
- It's not the great faith that is the blessing, but the blessing is the object of our faith.
- You can have much faith, but have it in the wrong place. You can have much faith in yourself and ... prayers ... Faith ... Faith in the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Oh how he loves us, we oughta love & trust him ...

LOVE & TRUST  
SOS → 4:7 Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee ...  
we don't deserve such love ...

BITM teaching the LORD WILL NOT IMPUTE SIN ...

How  
Love?  
Love