

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for September 24, 1989

“Abraham Justified By Faith”
Romans 4
Part 2

Introduction - Our thoughts very much dictate the way we feel. God’s desire is for us to be joyful (Philippians 4:8).

1. Abraham justified by faith apart from works.

We need to have the joyful thoughts that God desires dominate our minds. “Let the Word of Christ richly dwell within us.” “Meditate on the Word day and night.”

God wants us to understand, to dwell on the truth, that we are justified by faith in Jesus.

V. 3 For what does this Scripture say? ”And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Believed God, faith.

V. 4 What you work for, your wages they are due to you. Your wage is not a favor.

V. 5 The one who does not work but believes.

V. 6 David reckons righteousness apart from works.

V. 7 Lawless deeds, sin. David is surely not talking about how wonderful his words are.

Man in rebellion against God has his fist lifted to God. Man is not aiming to hit God’s work, man is tearing down the target, going his own way, doing his own thing.

Blessed - forgiven

Blessed -not taken into account

Blessed - let the world see the joy for we truly are forgiven, justified by faith, reckoned, righteous.