

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

EASTER SUNDAY - Romans 4:1-5, 20-25 - Faith Counted as Righteousness - 03.31.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Have you ever had a time where you tried to impress somebody but failed miserably?
What was the situation, and if you could do it again, what would you change?
Have you ever tried to impress God in your life at some point too?
What did you do to try to impress Him and how did you discover that He wasn't actually impressed with you?
What about changing "impress" in the above sentence to "please" - is there any way to actually please God in your life?
How do passages like Matthew 3:16-17, John 8:29, Hebrews 11:6 & Micah 6:8 reveal to us what pleases God?
3. How does the resurrection of Jesus relate to everything pleasing or impressing God?
Why does the resurrection of Jesus actually matter to us in our lives? What impact does it have on how we live & why we live?
How do Romans 4:25 & 1 Corinthians 15:14-17 help us see the importance of the resurrection for our lives?
4. Read Romans 4:1-7, 20-25:
Why is Abraham a great example for us of faith being credited to somebody as righteousness?
Consider the Genesis account of Abraham's life, what is the order & relationship of (faith, good works, being called righteous)
Read Luke 18:9-14 - how does this account relate to what we see as far as pleasing God is concerned?
Are there areas in your life where you're still trusting your own perceived goodness and not Jesus' true goodness?
If so, confess this to the Lord and accept the grace/mercy He extends while choosing to walk by the Spirit instead!
5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
God shows His love for us by sending Jesus here!
Jesus came & lived a perfectly righteous life!
Jesus was delivered up for our trespasses & sins!
By His sacrifice, He paid the penalty we deserve!
Jesus was raised from death for our justification!
Showing that He met God's requirements for us!
We often try to impress God with our goodness!
No matter how "good" we are, it's not enough!
The only way to please God is by faith in Jesus!
Our faith in Jesus is counted as righteousness!
TRUST IN THE ONE WHO OVERCAME DEATH & IS ALIVE FOREVERMORE, SO YOU CAN LIVE FOREVER IN HIM!