

“Wine and Milk (11):
Father Abraham, King David and Other Such Ungodly (Like Us)”
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☞ Romans 4:1-4

- ▼ The story and truth behind Genesis 15:6!
- ▼ —God justifies (declares righteous, pardons, saves) people not on the basis of *what* they have _____, but on the basis of *Whom* they have _____ .
- ▼ It isn't what you've _____ that counts—it's *Whom* you _____ that matters.
- ▼ Jeremiah 13:23—We can't do a single thing to _____ ourselves!

☞ Romans 4:5

- ▼ If A=B and A=C, then B=C.
 - Ungodly Father Abraham?
- ▼ F. F. Bruce: “The description of God as one ‘that justifieth the ungodly’ is so paradoxical as to be startling—not to say shocking. In the Old Testament the acquittal of the guilty and the condemnation of the innocent are alike repeatedly denounced [by God] as acts of unjust judges. . . . ‘I will not justify the wicked,’ He says in Exodus xxiii.7; in the LXX [Greek OT] version the same Greek words are used to convey what God forbids in the law as Paul here uses to declare what God in fact does in the gospel.” *Romans* 115
- ▼ I.e., what God declares is intolerable in human courts of law—He does in the gospel—He lets the _____ go free!
 - Romans 3:23, 24.
 - At the cross God freely justified _____ the ungodly human race.
 - How can Romans 4:5 be true? Because Romans ____:____ is true.
 - Romans 4:5—“God justifies the ungodly.”
 - Romans 5:6—“Christ died for the ungodly.”
 - How many did Christ die for? _____
 - How many has God justified? _____
- ▼ *Christ's Object Lessons* 326: “All men have been bought with this infinite price.

By pouring the whole treasury of heaven into this world, by giving us in Christ all heaven, God has purchased the will, the affections, the mind, the soul, of every human being. Whether _____ or _____, all men are the Lord's property.”

- ▼ *Steps to Christ 68:* “In the matchless gift of His Son, God has encircled the whole world with an atmosphere of grace as real as the air which circulates around the globe.”
- ▼ *God justifies the ungodly—all of them—all of us!*

📖 Romans 4:5-8

- ▼ In the bitterness of his own experience, David discovered three unchanging truths about God:
 - No matter how far you _____, the forgiveness of God is _____ yours.
 - But no matter how much you’ve been pardoned, what you _____ you will still have to _____.
 - Hence, to _____ God is still the path of truest _____ and deepest _____.
- ▼ A generation later, how did God remember His fallen but forgiven friend?
 - I Kings ____:____.
 - “*Justified*”—God accepts me “*just as if I’d*” _____ sinned!
 - *Steps to Christ 62:* “If you give yourself to [Jesus], and accept Him as your Saviour, then, sinful as your life may have been, for His sake you are accounted righteous. Christ's character stands in place of your character, and you are accepted before God *just as if you had not sinned.*” (62)
 - God will not save Abraham or David or you or me on the basis of what we’ve _____—God will save us all on the basis of Whom we’ve _____!

“Only trust Him”

attempted, trusted, tried, trust, save, guilty, all, 5, 6, all, all, believers, unbelievers, fall, still, sow, reap, trust, joy,
fulfillment, 14, 8, never, done, trusted