

# Faith Alone

## Key Words from Romans 3:21-4:25

***But*** (v. 3:21)—an adversative, contrasting humanity’s total depravity and inability to please God, and God’s own provision of a way to Himself

***justified*** (v. 3:24)—a forensic term meaning “to declare righteous”

***propitiation*** (v. 3:25)—appeasement or satisfaction; Christ’s death satisfied the offended holiness of God

***passed over*** (v. 3:25)—a temporary withholding of judgment

***accounted*** (4:3)—a word used in legal and financial settings; here to take something that belongs to someone and credit it to the account of another

***David*** (v. 4:5)—King David’s sin with Bathsheba is another Old Testament example of imputed righteousness.

***justifies the ungodly*** (v. 4:5)—Only those who freely admit their unworthiness are candidates for salvation.

***the sign of circumcision*** (v. 4:11)—the physical, racial mark of identity for the Jewish people

***walk in the steps*** (v. 4:12)— those non-Jews who emulate Abraham’s faith

***faith is made void and the promise made of no effect*** (v. 4:14)—Paul is demonstrating that if adherence to the Law could save, then faith in God’s promise would be worthless.

***weak in faith*** (v. 4:19)—to allow doubt to erode and undermine belief

***delivered up*** (v. 4:25)—to be crucified as punishment for human beings’ sins