

WHERE IS BOASTING THEN?
Romans 3:27-31

INTRODUCTION:

- A. God is the beginning and end of our salvation
 - 1) He is our justifier
 - 2) He is the Alpha and Omega
- B. This fact disallows man's boasting
 - 1) Men are recipients
 - 2) Men cannot brag about their goodness

I. Man Cannot Boast if Salvation is by Grace Through Faith-vs.27

- A. "Where is boasting then? It is excluded"
 - 1) "boasting" = kauchesis = "a boasting", "a reason to boast"
 - 2) "excluded" = ekkleio = "to shut out"
- B. "By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith."
 - 1) On what principle?
 - 2) On the principle of doing good deeds?
 - 3) No! On the principle of faith.

II. Faith Alone is God's Plan of Salvation vs. 28

- A. "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith, without the deeds of the law."
 - 1) Based on the above facts
 - 2) "conclude" = logizomai = "to reckon and to conclude", "to give oneself to calculating"
- B. This is true of all ages
 - 1) Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Moses
 - 2) Faith is the way of access to God.

III. The God of All Men Has Decreed This as His Plan for Every Man. vs. 29

- A. "Is he the God of the Jews only? Is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:"
 - 1) Does God belong to the Jews?
 - 2) Yes, He is the God of the Gentiles also
- B. All are justified by faith
 - 1) He shall justify the circumcision by faith
 - 2) He shall justify the uncircumcision by faith

IV. Does Faith Make the Law Useless?

A. "Do we then make void the law through faith?"

- 1) "void" = katargeo = "to put an end to"
- 2) Is this using faith to overthrow law?

B. "God forbid: yea, we establish the law."

- 1) "establish" = istemi = "to cause to stand"
- 2) "we are setting the law on the right footing" Knox
- 3) Salvation by grace does not make the law useless. It allows God to be just. It has a keeper of the law, Jesus. By faith He is the Justifier also!