

The Reformation Still Matters

Romans 4:1-8

Intro: the 500 year anniversary of the Reformation

I. Abraham, the father of every Jew v. 1

II. Abraham's justification was not by works v. 2

III. Abraham's justification was by faith v. 3
- Genesis 15:1-6

IV. The Statement of Justification by Faith vv. 4-5

A. The common axiom of life v. 4

B. The exception in the area of salvation v. 5

1. "believes" is in the present tense

2. Faith is "believing on Him..."

3. God justifies the ungodly

a. Matthew 9:13

b. Romans 3:24

V. The Illustration of Justification by Faith vv. 6-8

A. Psalm 32:1-5

B. Verses on forgiveness

1. Psalm 86:5; 103:12

2. Isaiah 1:18, 43:25

3. Micah 7:18-19

Conclusion: It's a matter of eternal life and eternal death