

# God Justifies the Ungodly

Romans 4:4-8

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    - d. Psalm 86:5, 103:12
    - e. Isaiah 1:18, 43:25
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- B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:17-21