

Circle the word, "faith," every time you read it in the verses below. How many are there? _____

Romans 3:27-31 (NLT)

27 Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith. **28** So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.

29 After all, is God the God of the Jews only? Isn't he also the God of the Gentiles? Of course he is.

30 There is only one God, and he makes people right with himself only by faith, whether they are Jews or Gentiles.^a **31** Well then, if we emphasise faith, does this mean that we can forget about the law? Of course not! In fact, only when we have faith do we truly fulfil the law.

Underline “boast” in verse 27 on the other side of the page. Another word for boast is “brag.” When someone is proud of something they have done (like won a competition) or who they are as a person (like funny or brave), they enjoy telling other people these things. This is called boasting. After reading verse 27, is there anything we can do or anything about who we are that is acceptable to God (makes God happy)? What is acceptable to God (hint: it is the word starting with the letter, “f”)?

Ephesians 2:8-9 - “God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.” **What do these verses teach us about God and “boasting?”**

Draw or write down a gift someone has given you. When you took the gift, did you then turn around and give them money for that gift? No! You opened it up and enjoyed it! God has given each of us a gift. He sent his son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins (all the bad things we think, say, and do). Just like we wouldn’t give money to someone who gave us a present, God does not want us to do anything to pay for the gift of Jesus. All he asks us to do is receive the gift and believe Jesus died for our sins. That is called faith...Enjoy it!