

Romans 3v27-31

I. Prob: The ground of our boasting isn't as solid as we might think

- A. Boasting is impossible under a rule of faith. In fact the two are diametrically opposed (27).
- B. Paul knows that under system where our works lead to justification, it is natural for pecking order to be established and for us to take confidence in our place in it. He also knows that this is not good enough to get us through life and judgment.

(So where can we stand, if not in our own effort? What is sol'n to problem of boasting? Faith alone.)

II. Sol'n: God has acted in grace to justify (declare right) through faith, not works (28-31)

- A. God has done something different and, in many ways, counter-intuitive.
- B. And Paul want us to see that faith is the key that opens this door to new life from God (29-31)
 - 1. Faith is what establishes this new people of God, into which all are invited (29-30).
 - 2. Faith is also what establishes us as new people of God individually (31).

(So what is Paul calling us to do here today?)

III. Drop everything else and stand in XC.

- A. Leave behind whatever you might be boasting in.
- B. Stand in the finished work of Christ on the cross.

Reflection Questions

1. How does a text like this change your view of yourself? Are you ever guilty of “boasting?”

2. In light of this text and previous material, do you really have that luxury?

3. How would you define Paul’s essential argument in these verses? How does it parallel to what he argues in 1 Corinthians 1:26-31?

4. How does the promise of future justification in v. 30 encourage you?

5. Read Ephesians 2:11-22. What do these verses say about the family of God in Christ?

6. What does Paul mean in verse 31 when he says that we “uphold the Law?” How do Romans 8:1-4 relate to this verse?

7. So what?!? How are you going to apply this text to your life?

Zoom Meeting discussion Wednesday, 7:30-8:30pm

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