

Based on the teaching from Sunday 3 August 2025, 'Being Reconciled to God - Justification by Faith'

Sermon can be found on our website lwac.org.au, click on 'talks' top left of the page.

Text: **Romans ch4**

Key Ideas from the Sermon:

- The righteousness that we all need, that results in reconciliation with God (Justification), cannot be achieved, it can only be received by faith.
- 'This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.' Rom 3:22
- Paul shows that both Abraham and David were justified by faith, apart from the law and apart from circumcision (or any good deeds/works), therefore it is for all.
- Justifying faith in our lives manifests itself in three ways: (1) By seeing that reality is greater than how things might appear or how we feel. (2) It is focused on the facts about God and takes God at his word and (3) it is never extinguished but is rather strengthened through weakness and failure.

Bible Study: The Swedish Method [Romans 4]

1. Begin by praying, asking God to speak through His Word
2. Read the Bible passage aloud, being careful to read slowly
3. Go back over the passage (allow about 10 minutes of silence), being on the lookout for, and making notes on the following four things:



Light bulb: This should be something that 'shine' from the passage - whatever impacts most, or draws attention.

Notes:



Question mark: Anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question the reader might like to ask the writer of the passage, or the Lord.

Notes:



Jesus: What does this passage teach me about who Jesus is, what he has done for me and what it means for me to follow him in my life.

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Arrow: A personal application for your life.

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4. Discussion & Prayer