

Romans 4:1-5 • “The One Who Does Not Work”

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Romans 3:20 For **by works of the law no human being will be justified** in his sight, since **through the law comes knowledge of sin.**

Options: Change the law or be crushed by it.

Matthew 5:48 You therefore **must be perfect**, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

“You don’t want: “Love your neighbor as yourself;” you want: Don’t drink alcohol or: Go to church.”

Tim Keller

Romans 3:21 But now **the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law**, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

Romans 3:27 **Then what becomes of our boasting?** It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.

Romans 3:28 **For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.**

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Romans 3:31 Do we then **overthrow the law** by this faith? By no means! **On the contrary, we uphold the law.**

Matthew 5:17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

2Corinthians 5:21 For our sake **he made him to be sin who knew no sin**, so that **in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

Romans 4:1 **What then shall we say was gained by Abraham**, our forefather **according to the flesh?**

Romans 4:2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, **but not before God.**

Romans 4:3 For what does the Scripture say? **“Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”**

Romans 4:4 **Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.**

Romans 6:23 For the **wages of sin is death**, but the **free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Romans 4:5 And to the one who **does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,**

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Romans 5:6 For while we were still weak, at the right time **Christ died for the ungodly.**

Romans 8:32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

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Hebrews 4:8 For if Joshua had given them rest, **God would not have spoken of another day later on.**

Hebrews 4:9 So then, **there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,**

Hebrews 4:10 for whoever **has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.**

Genesis 2:2 And **on the seventh day God finished his work** that he had done, and **he rested** on the seventh day **from all his work that he had done.**

Exodus 31:15 Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of **solemn rest**, holy to the LORD. **Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death.**

Numbers 15:32 While the people of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a **man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day.**

Numbers 15:33 And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation.

Numbers 15:34 They put him in custody, because **it had not been made clear what should be done to him.**

Numbers 15:35 And the LORD said to Moses, **“The man shall be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp.”**

Numbers 15:36 And all the congregation brought him outside the camp and **stoned him to death** with stones, as the LORD commanded Moses.

It is a big deal to attempt work when you are to rest!

Exodus 31:17 **It is a sign** forever between me and the people of Israel that **in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.”**

Deuteronomy 5:15 You shall remember **that you were a slave** in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand

and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to **keep the Sabbath day.**

Colossians 2:16 Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a **Sabbath.**

Colossians 2:17 These are a **shadow** of the things to come, **but the substance belongs to Christ.**

Luke 9:30 And behold, two men were talking with him, **Moses and Elijah,**

Luke 9:31 who appeared in glory and spoke of his **departure (exodus), which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.**

John 19:30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, **“It is finished,”** and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:31 Since it was the day of Preparation, and **so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath** (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and **that they might be taken away.**

John 19:32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him.

John 19:33 **But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead,** they did not break his legs.

John 19:38 After these things **Joseph of Arimathea**, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body.

Luke 23:52 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Luke 23:53 Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid.

Luke 23:54 It was the day of Preparation, and **the Sabbath was beginning.**

Hebrews 4:8 For if Joshua had given them rest, **God would not have spoken of another day later on.**

Genesis 2:3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God **rested from all his work that he had done in creation.**

2Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation.** The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

“It is finished”

“Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death”

Romans 4:3 For what does the Scripture say? **“Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”**

“The righteous shall live by faith.”

Galatians 6:14 But **far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,** by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

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