

THE PASTOR'S ESSENTIALS®

OUR LIVES IN THE BIBLE - THE BIBLE IN OUR LIVES

¹³ "ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE. FOR WIDE IS THE GATE AND BROAD IS THE ROAD THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION, AND MANY ENTER THROUGH IT. ¹⁴ BUT SMALL IS THE GATE AND NARROW THE ROAD THAT LEADS TO LIFE, AND ONLY A FEW FIND IT.

MATTHEW 7:13-14

es-sen-tials (ĭ-sĕn'shĕlz) – *noun* – those things that are necessary and basic to life. In biochemistry essentials are substances that are required for normal functioning but cannot be synthesized by the body and therefore must be included in the diet. Essentials are those things that are fundamental to the spiritual health of the professing Christian.

The Letter of the Apostle Paul to the Romans

A BIBLE STUDY

SESSION FOUR

Romans 3:21-4:8

Questions for Session Four

1. In v. 21 Paul uses *passive voice* and the *present perfect tense* to describe what? What is this thing called *God's righteousness*? How is it distinct and separate from the Law? To what are the Law and the Prophets testifying?

2. How do those persons, who believe and are justified, receive righteousness from God according to v. 22? In what or in whom do we have faith? What limitations are put on this? Explain in some detail.

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3. Vv. 23-24 describe God's plan of salvation for whom, the Jews or the gentiles? What is step one? What are we supposed to recognize first and foremost to receive God's justifying grace? What is the source of our redemption?

4. In v. 24 how could we confuse Paul's language toward an acceptance of the doctrine of universal salvation? What phrase in v. 22 helps us to be able to resolve the issue? God justifies us freely. What is the deciding factor? What must we recognize to receive what God is giving to us freely?

5. How is atonement dealt with in the Old Testament? What kinds of sacrifices did the Jews make according to the Law? In which OT book do we find many of the guidelines for sacrifice and atonement? How is God's plan for us, which Paul describes in vv. 25-26, different from what we find in the OT?

6. Is our God the God of the Jews or the God of the gentiles? Why? How is the Law tied to our justification by faith? What part does the Law play in our justification by faith? Explain v. 30.

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7. Discuss the way in which God's righteousness was given to Abraham. Was Abraham's life an example of *works righteousness* or *living by faith*? In what or in whom did Abraham believe?

8. Describe works using your best definition according to v. 4. Is God truly obligated to any human being, who tries to work his or her way into a right relationship with him? How can we be blessed by God if we do not primarily rely on *works*? How does David describe the way in which our sins are forgiven by God?

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