

THE JUSTIFICATION OF DAVID

How was David justified?
Romans 4.5-8



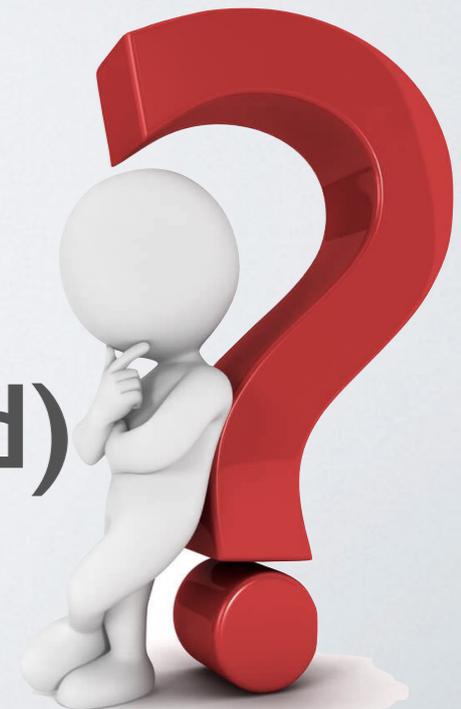
DAVID: BACKGROUND

- ◎ David was a son of Jesse, selected by God to be the 2nd king of Israel — 1 Samuel 16.11ff
- ◎ David eventually takes the throne — 2 Samuel 5.3-4
- ◎ David's life marred by his notable sin — 2 Samuel 11
- ◎ David held forth as a central figure of the faith:
 - ◎ A forefather of Christ — Matthew 1.1
 - ◎ Central to the Messianic promise — Acts 2.29-36
 - ◎ A significant picture of justification — Romans 4.5ff

WHAT IS JUSTIFICATION?

**"But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness"
(Romans 4:5)**

- ➔ **Justification involves pardon from sin.**
- ➔ **Justification is ultimately done by God.**
- ➔ **Justified = righteous (same Greek word)**



DAVID & JUSTIFICATION

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- ◎ **David’s words are a quotation from Psalm 32.**
- ◎ **David has sinned in 2 Samuel 11.**
- ◎ **David has concealed his sin for a time.**
- ◎ **David praises God for His mercy and forgiveness.**

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- ◎ **Follow Paul’s argument:**

- ◎ **General: righteous by grace through faith.**

- ◎ **David’s sin was forgiven by God through faith.**

- ◎ **Justification by faith eliminates works (Romans 4.4).**

- ◎ **Remember: faith involves action (Hebrews 11.6).**

- ◎ **Faith eliminates self-justifying works (Romans 4.1-3).**

DAVID AND ME:

- ◎ David's justification exemplifies our own:
 - ◎ We don't justify ourselves.
 - ◎ We are justified by faith.
 - ◎ God's offer to justify us by faith is not earned.
 - ◎ Our unworthiness is overcome by God's grace.
- ◎ God's justification is effected through Jesus.
 - ◎ Romans 4.23-5.1