



Family preparation for congregational worship on January 29, 2017

Our Scripture-Romans 4:1-8 (ESV): ¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

Discuss:

1. What marked Abraham’s relationship with God?
2. How was Abraham righteous before God?
3. How does David describe what God does to make a person righteous?

Prayer: Praise the Lord that He cares for us and uses hard times for our benefit. Praise the Lord that He teaches us good judgment and knowledge. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for a greater passion for moral excellence. Pray for Christian schools, colleges and seminaries. Pray, for Tim and Luda Smith that as they minister that God would give them wisdom. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize (January): “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.” **John 1:1-3 (ESV)**

Music:

As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

*Have you any room for Jesus, He who bore your load of sin?
As He knocks and asks admission, Sinner will you let Him in?*

*Room for Jesus, King of Glory! Hasten now; His word obey.
Swing the heart’s door widely open; Bid Him enter while you may.*

*Room for pleasure, room for business; But for Christ, the Crucified,
Not a place that He can enter In the heart for which He died?*

*Room for Jesus, King of Glory! Hasten now; His word obey.
Swing the heart’s door widely open; Bid Him enter while you may.*

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