



WHAT DOES & DOESN'T SAVE

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NOTES:

Romans 10:9-10

1. We can't be righteous by **works**. (vs. 1-2)

Ephesians 2:4-9

2. We can only be righteous by **faith**. (vs. 3-5)

Romans 4:3

Genesis 15:6

3. The blessings that come with **faith**. (vs. 6-8)

Psalms 32:1-2

4. We can't be righteous by **ritual**. (vs. 9-12)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

REVIEW:

1. Last week Thomas gave us the assignment to look for opportunities to brag on Jesus. What opportunities did you encounter? How did you respond?

THIS WEEK'S SERMON:

1. The key and often repeated word in this section is "counted." It means to take inventory, to number or estimate and to reckon. What sort of things do we "count" in our life? How does religion "count" the good deeds and bad deeds we do?
2. Romans 4:2 speaks about the futility of trying to boast before God. In other words, we bring nothing to God's table. What does Jesus say about this in Matthew 5:1-3?
3. In what ways can we confess our spiritual bankruptcy to God? (Also see Isaiah 61:1-2 and 66:1-2).
4. "For what does the Scripture say?" is a big question we should constantly ask ourselves. Think of some situations that might come up in life where it would serve us well to ask ourselves and others this question.

5. David is quoted in Romans 4:7-8 from Psalm 32:1-2. How does this blessing impact us, especially as we realize this Psalm was based on David's sinful affair with Bathsheba?
6. The "seal" that Paul refers to in Romans 4:11 is a stamp of genuineness, authentication or ownership. Look up another important "seal" that is mentioned in Ephesians 1:13 and 4:30. Why is it important to remember that this "seal" is not a work of man, but a gift of God?
7. "The footsteps of faith" are a worthy walk! Read the following passages and share how you are progressing in your faith journey.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
 - Ephesians 4:1-3
 - Colossians 1:9-12
8. Based on everything we've studied together, what is one big application you feel challenged to make?