

The Law of Faith
A Study of the Book of Romans
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Key Truth: The Law of Faith is enacted by God as the avenue through which we are justified in Jesus Christ.

What is the “law of faith” (v. 27)? It’s not a written code and it’s not meant to replace the Law of Moses. Instead, the “law of faith,” or you might call it the “doctrine of faith,” or the “principle of faith,” is defined for us in verse 28: “One is justified by faith apart from works of the law.” In order to stand right before God and be forgiven of our sins, we must rely on something or someone other than ourselves, our deeds, actions, and beliefs. It’s not so much that those who embrace a works-based righteousness don’t have faith, it’s that they have faith in the wrong thing: their works, which means they have faith in themselves. But those who follow the “law of faith” have as the object of that faith, not themselves, but Jesus Christ, who worked on our behalf.

DISCUSS

Read **Romans 3:27-31** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled “**The Law of Faith.**”

DIG IN

1. The Law of Faith is Exclusive. (Romans 3:27-28)

In what ways do people often speak of a generic “faith?” What is wrong with that kind of “faith?”

What does the law of faith exclude (v. 27)? In what ways does a law of works *include* boasting?

2. The Law of Faith is Impartial. (Romans 3:29-30)

How do we know that God is the God of all and not just of the Jews?
Can you think of any Old Testament passages that teach this?

What problems would arise if God were only the God of the Jews?

How does the law of faith demonstrate the impartiality of God (v. 30)?

Do Jews and Gentiles get to God in different ways? Why or why not?

3. The Law of Faith Upholds the Law. (Romans 3:31)

In what ways does the law of faith uphold both the Law of Moses and the law of love (see Matthew 22:37-40)?

In what ways does the law of faith enable us to obey God’s laws (see 1 John 4:7-11; 5:2-3)?

DO

What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?