

The Gospel of Jesus Christ
The God Who Justifies the Ungodly
Romans 4:5

**A Proposition: Romans 4:5 is One of the Most Startling and Glorious Verses
in All the Bible.**

I. What Makes this so Startling?

"justifies" - to be right or to declare one to be right (legal, formal acquittal)

"ungodly" - impious, without reverence for God, not merely irreligious,
but acting in violation of God's demands.

The problem: "He who justifies the wicked, and condemns the just, both of
them alike are an abomination to the LORD." Pr.17:15

II. What Makes this so Glorious? Rom.3:9-20,23

Cf. Psa.130:3; Gal.3:10

III. What Makes this Possible?

Does God violate His holy justice and law? Cf. Ex.34:7

Christ alone. Rom.3:21-26

At Calvary we see the conjoining of God's holy justice, love, and grace.
Cf. Psa.85:10

Faith alone. Rom.3:21-4:5; 5:1; Gal.2:16

Justification defined: "That gracious act of God whereby, on the basis solely of Christ's accomplished mediatorial work, he declares the sinner just, and the latter accepts this benefit with a believing heart."
(Wm. Hendricksen)

Grace alone. Rom.3:24,27; Eph.2:8,9

IV. What are Some Conclusions to be Drawn from These Things?