

“Faith Lessons”

Romans 3:27-31

- 1) What is Paul’s focus and apparent intention in this section (and what follows through chapter 4)?
- 2) To whom it is likely his remarks are primarily addressed? Give support for your answer.
- 3) What does a person’s boasting indicate about him?
- 4) What “problems” can often arise from a misplaced boasting?
- 5) Why does “a law of works” not shut our mouths? Why, in reality, should it silence our boasting?
- 6) How does “faith” exclude boasting?
- 7) How are “works” and “faith” mutually exclusive where our justification with God is concerned?
- 8) How are they different in their focus and their confidence, etc.?
- 9) Why can’t we boast even in our faith?
- 10) Is there a proper boasting? If so, what is it? (consider the following: Rom. 15:17; 1 Cor. 1:31; Gal. 6:14; Rom. 5:2, 11; 1 Cor. 9:15; 2 Cor. 1:12; Gal. 6:4; 2 Cor. 12:9)
- 11) How does Paul use the fact that “God is one” to argue for the blessings of justification by faith coming to the Gentiles as well as the Jews?
- 12) What does the fact that “God is one” mean in the context of a pluralistic culture in which there are seen to be many gods and many ways to god?

13) What is it that Paul has been saying that would lead to the idea that justification by faith means the Law is “nullified”?

14) What may Paul mean when he asserts that “through faith” the Law is “established”?

15) What does it mean to “believe” or “have faith in Jesus”? (see Matthew 11:28; John 1:12-13; 3:14-15; 6:35, 37, 53)