

**“Faith Alone”**  
**Romans 4:9-12**

**Background/introduction**

- ❖ **What religious rite was brought up as an objection to justification by faith alone?**
- ❖ **What word does Paul pick up from 4:7-8 to continue his argument?**
- ❖ **Why is the word “reckon” so important in Paul’s defense of justification by faith alone?**

**I. Symbols cannot secure our justification (vv. 9-10).**

- Is the blessing of justification by grace through faith alone for Jews only?
- When was Abraham declared righteous?
- What is a symbol?

**II. Symbols serve as signs of justification by grace through faith alone (vv. 11-12).**

- What was the significance of circumcision in Abraham’s life?
- How was circumcision a seal for Abraham?
- Who are Abraham’s spiritual descendents?
- What is the purpose of baptism?
- What is the purpose of the Lord’s Supper?

**Conclusion/summary**