

Romans 4:2-4

For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

Just like everyone has two ears, two eyes, one nose and one mouth, so does everyone have their opinion.

Everyone has their opinion on what their favorite car is.

Everyone has their opinion on what their favorite food is.

Everyone has their opinion on what their favorite Movie or TV show is.

Everyone has their own opinion on where to live.

Everyone even has their opinion on what bible teaching church they want to go to or who their favorite pastor is.

Yet, for the most part, these are earthly things, and yes everyone has their likes and dislikes, or opinions. But when it comes to scripture and living a Godly life, there is no opinion, but rather, only truth. Therefore, I echo Paul's words when he says, "***For what does the Scripture say?***" or as we would say today, "*What does the bible say about that?*"

Some may wonder why it's so important what the bible says, after all, don't we know what's right and wrong... in our own opinion? Well, one good example would be Rehoboam, who was King Solomon's son, and he reigned as king after Solomon died. And if you read the account of what happened when the people he was ruling came to him, letting him know how he could be a better king or ruler over them, he asked the advice of the older men who learned from King Solomon's wisdom, but Rehoboam rejected their advice, and instead asked for the "opinion" of the younger guys that he grew up with.

† **1 Kings 12:8-9 (NLT2)** *But Rehoboam rejected the advice of the older men and instead asked the opinion of the young men who had grown up with him and were now his advisers. "What is your advice?" he asked them. "How should I answer these people who want me to lighten the burdens imposed by my father?"*

And the end results were that Israel and Judah had separated and has been separated ever since, all because the king (Rehoboam) asked for his friends "opinion" and did not seek the Lord.

Even the proverbs of King Solomon say that: "***The fear of human opinion disables; trusting in GOD protects you from that.***" **Proverbs 29:25 (MSG)**

As well as, ***“Many seek the ruler's favor, But justice for man comes from the LORD.”***
Proverbs 29:26

We also read in today's verses that: ***For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say?***

Yet, the opinion of the world is that you can be saved by works, but ***what does the Scripture say?***

† **Ephesians 2:8-9** ***For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.***

You can't get any clearer than that, ***“by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves”*** or works.

Also, the downfall of the Children of Israel was that everyone had their own opinion on how they should live, instead of following the Lord.

† **Judges 21:25** ***In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.***

So for us as believers, we should not be seeking the opinion of man (or woman) but rather we should be seeking the counsel of the Lord and what He says in His word.

† **Psalm 16:7** ***I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.***

† **Psalm 33:11** ***The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations.***