

# "THE HISTORICAL CONSISTENCY OF GOD'S METHOD OF JUSTIFICATION"

## ROMANS 4:1-8

### I. THE JUSTIFICATION OF ABRAHAM (4:1-5)

#### A. It Could Never Have Been By Works (4:1-2)

1. Lest He Have Grounds For Boasting
2. Lest His Alleged Contribution Actually Carry Weight With God

#### B. It Could Only Be By The Precedent Set All The Way Back In Genesis (4:3-5)

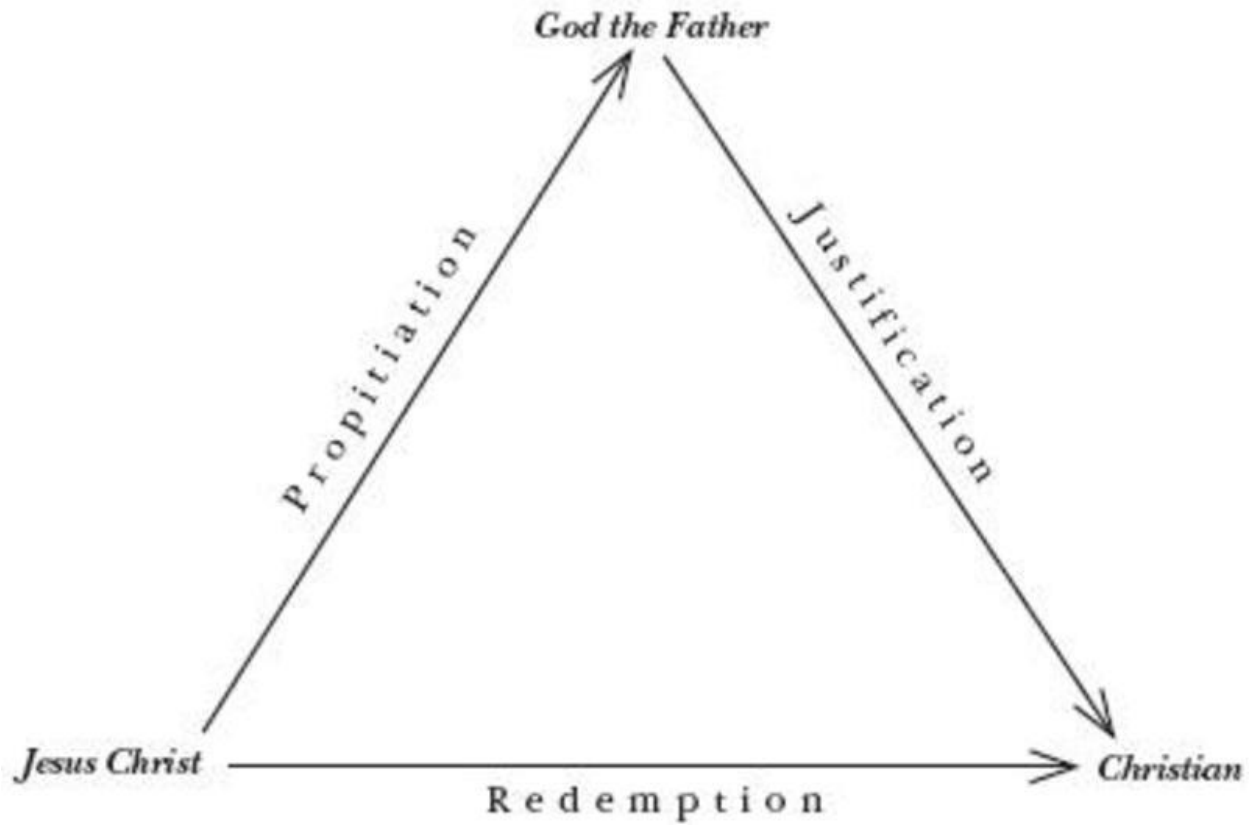
1. The Imputation Principle (4:3)
  - a. Explanation Of The Term
  - b. Explanation Of What Exactly was Credited To Abraham's Account
2. The Grace Principle (4:4-5)
  - a. Work Recognizes A Debt
  - b. Faith Recognizes A Favor

### II. THE JUSTIFICATION OF DAVID (4:6-8)

#### A. The King Of Israel Was Qualified To Speak Of The Blessed Condition Of The Justified "Sinner (Psalm 32)

#### B. The King Of Israel Never Got Over The Fact That The Very Thing Which Should Have Been Charged To His Account Was Not

# THE SALVATION TRIANGLE IN ROMANS 3:21-26



Notice how two of these actions (redemption and propitiation) issue from the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the one who has achieved our salvation. It is His work. We are the recipients of these two actions, contributing nothing. God the Father is the recipient of one action (propitiation) and the author of one action (justification). This makes clear that it is on the basis of Christ's work of propitiation that we are justified. It is because Christ paid the price of our salvation, accomplishing (redemption) with His own blood by dying in our place, that God can justify the ungodly!!! These three works are inextricably bound together. It is not possible to have a single one without the others.