

## **WE BELIEVE!**

### **Romans 4:24-25**

**This Easter consider three essential beliefs**

*“ ... as those who believe in ... ” (v. 24)*

#### **I. WE BELIEVE: God Raised Jesus from the Dead** (24b)

A. BY DOING SO, DECLARING HIS POWER - Romans 1:4

B. PROVING CHRIST VICTORIOUS OVER DEATH - Romans 6:9

C. GUARANTEEING LIFE FOR OUR MORTAL BODIES ALSO - Romans 8:11

#### **II. WE BELIEVE: JESUS WAS DELIVERED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS** (25a)

##### A. GOD GAVE JESUS

1. God “delivered Him over” > Handing Him over to take our death sentence
2. Note Romans 8:32

##### B. WE NEED HIM ...

1. Because we deserve God’s wrath - Romans 2:5
2. Because we are unrighteous - Romans 3:10

##### C. JESUS PAID FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS

1. Dying for the ungodly - Romans 5:6-8
2. Making many righteous - Romans 5:19
3. Giving believers eternal life - Romans 6:23
4. Making Christians uncondemnable - Romans 8:1

**III. WE BELIEVE: Christ was raised for our justification (25b)**

- Justification: Made right with God by the reckoning of undeserved righteousness

**A. WHY?**

1. Because we are needy
  - Works couldn't provide justification - Romans 3:20
2. Because we are favored
  - This justification was given by grace - Romans 3:24

**B. WHAT?**

1. Giving us peace with God - Romans 5:1
2. Saving us from God's wrath - Romans 5:9

**CONCLUSION:**

**God gives us credit for what we believe** - See Romans 3:22-24a

1. Believing God raised Jesus
2. Believing Jesus paid for our transgressions
3. Believing Christ raised for our justification

**What do you believe this Easter morning?**

- *Does what you believe give you any standing with God?*
- *Have you accepted the risen, delivering and justifying Lord?*