

**Security—living by faith in Christ alone**  
*#4 Blast from the Past— Echoes of the Reformation*  
*Romans 4:1-5; James 2:21-23*  
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**REFLECTION AND APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

**Monday**

“Faith should be first. After faith is preached, then we should teach good works. It is faith-without good works and prior to good works-that takes us to heaven. We come to God through faith alone.” —Martin Luther

Martin Luther spoke of two ways to believe: “The first way is to believe *about* God...this type of belief is more a statement of knowledge than an expression of faith. The second way is to believe *in* God. This not only includes believing that what is taught about God is true, but also includes trusting Him and daring to be in relationship with Him.” Do you know or believe certain things “about” God, as you might a professional athlete or movie star? Or have you personally trusted, personally “faithed” in the person and work of Jesus Christ?

**Tuesday – Friday**

Read and meditate on the following Scriptures that speak to righteousness by faith alone:

Habakkuk 2:4c, Romans 1:17, and Galatians 3:11

Galatians 2:16

Romans 4:1-5, Romans 5:1-2

Acts 10:34-43

**Saturday**

In preparation for tomorrow’s message on Christ alone, read and meditate on Hebrews 1, John 5, and John 12.

**For Further Reading**

*Grace Alone: Salvation as a Gift of God* by Carl Trueman

*The Bondage of the Will* by Martin Luther (Translated by J.I. Packer and O.R. Johnston)

*Church History in Plain Language* by Bruce L. Shelley