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Romans 4:7, “...**Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.**”

There is no better situation for a child of God than to realize how blessed they are. Sometimes we run into someone who is forever dealing with their troubles and complaining about their status in life. But when you meet those who realize the blessings of God, they are a joy to be around. Such are those whom Paul is speaking of in Romans 4:5-8. These four verses deal with what the Lord has done for us that we could not do for ourselves for we have no righteousness of our own. Can we do good works? Yes, as we are instructed to “**do good unto all men**” (Galatians 6:10), we are told to “**put on the armour of light**” (Romans 13:12), and like Christ, to “**Be ye holy; for I am Holy**” (I Peter 1:16). Even when we do the best we can, we still come short of being truly righteous. What we needed was to be cleansed, therefore, the Lord washed us in the blood of the Lamb. This is taught in Romans 4:7 where Paul said our “**iniquities are forgiven.**” Jesus has paid the price we could not pay. What joy and comfort this is to the children of God. Paul went on to say, “...**whose sins are covered.**” Paul was quoting the psalmist David from Psalm 32:1, “**Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered**” and Psalm 85:2 which says, “**Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.**”

We should thankful we worship a Lord that was willing and able to accomplish that which the Father sent Him to do for all those given to Him in the Covenant of Grace. Now, if you really get down in the dumps and need something far better than Geritol or any other man made tonic, then read Romans 4:8 over and over. “**Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.**” To “**impute**” means to ‘*charge with*’. What a blessing to realize that God does not “impute” sin to His born again children.

Paul reminds us that we are no longer under the “**law of sin and death**” (Romans 8:2), “**For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me**

free from the law of sin and death.” When we are born of the Spirit, we then come under God’s parental law. That is why, as His children, we face chastisement in this life, **“For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth”** (Hebrews 12:6). Sin will not be imputed (charged) to God’s children eternally as the righteousness of Christ has been imputed (imparted) to us. These wonderful truths give us peace and comfort. May you feel blessed this day in knowing what the Lord has done for you. ***Think About IT!***