

Roaming thru Romans Series
“Justification by Faith is Dogmatic”
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- b. If justification was by the law : (Rom. 4:14)
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 3. It would benefit only the Jew
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