

Evening Sermon, Sunday, 18 November 2012, Dave Gobbett

# The Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

*The glory of justification by faith*

Romans 3:27 – 4:25

**How can we be right with God ('justified')?**

→ *And what will that mean for church life?*

**1. Not by personal performance ('works', 4:1-8)**

→ *Say no to boasting*

**2. Not by religious rituals ('circumcision', 4:9-12)**

→ *Say no to exclusivity*

**3. Not by moral instruction ('the law', 4:13-17)**

→ *Say yes to assurance*

**4. But by trusting the God of power ('faith', 4:17-25)**

→ *Say yes to justification*