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So How's Your Math?
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1. Have *faith* in God

- **Mark 11:22** – “have faith in God”
- **v. 23** – “it will be done”
 - shall come to pass for him. (Darby)
 - he shall have whatsoever he saith (KJV)
 - and it's as good as done (Message)
 - he will have whatever he says. (NKJV)
 - All that's required is that you really believe and do not doubt in your heart (NLT)

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1. Have *faith* in God

- Faith – *looking away (back) unto the finished work of Jesus*
- Faith always stands on Truth. (Rom. 10:17; Jn. 15:7)

■ “Faith” is used 71 in the OT and 295 in the NT

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2. Where's the *faith* in sanctification?

- **Romans** – 41 times, but curiously missing from chapters 6-8!

- **Romans 1:16,17** – Paul's abstract
- **Romans 1:18-3:20** – Righteousness Needed
- **Romans 3:21-5:21** – Righteousness Imputed (5:1;17)
- **Romans 6-8** – Righteousness Imparted
 - Sanctification and Separation from the old sinful man.
 - *Living more and more in my new identity and less and less by the patterns and habits of my old man.*

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3. LOGIZOMAI (λογίζομαι) log-id-zom-ah-ee

- **Romans 6:11**
 - “Even so” – Paul is saying, “You must *know* and *fully believe* what I have just said, or else what I am about to say will make no sense.”
 - Where faith drops out, LOGIZOMAI is present.
- λογίζομαι (from λογος) – was a term frequently used in the business community of Paul's day
 - “Consider” “Reckon” “Credited” “Numbered” “Account”
 - It meant to impute or to credit to one's account
 - “to count as fact”
 - “to make a mental calculation”
 - If I *put* 1000 dollars in my bank account, I *have* 1000 dollars in my bank account, from which I can make draws.

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4. On what then are we to count as fact?

- The *facts* of verses 1-10!
 1. v.2: I am dead to the sin of Adam.
 2. v.3: I was in Christ at His death.
 3. v.4: I was raised with Him into newness of life.
 4. v.5: I am forever united with His death;
 5. v.5: I am forever living His resurrected life.
 6. v.6: My old man, what I used to be in Adam, is dead.
 7. v.6: I am no longer a slave to sin—I am free to live.
 8. v.7: I have been justified from the sin of Adam, declared of worth (righteous)
 9. v.8: Since I died with Him, His life is now mine.
 10. v.9: Since death does not reign over Christ, it does not reign over me.
 11. v.10: He has died to sin once and for all, ending its penalty and its power.
 12. v.10: And now He lives His life through me to God.

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4. On what then are we to count as fact?
 - LOGIZOMAI is not claiming a promise, but acting upon a fact.
 - It's not make-believe. It's not getting yourself into an emotional froth or spiritual puerie, or pretending something is true that you know is not true.
 - **It's believing that what God has said He would do, He really did do, therefore it really is true, therefore you can count upon it, therefore you can stake your life upon it, therefore it's an actual fact on which you can stand.**
 - Sanctification cannot occur if we don't stand firmly on the facts of what Christ did, who Christ is, and who we are new.

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4. On what then are we to count as fact?
 - This is Paul's first major command after building his sound doctrinal case for 5 chapters!
 - λογίζομαι in **Romans 6:11** is:
 - *imperative mood* – so we need to consider these truths continuously: MOMENT by MOMENT and DAY by DAY.
 - *present tense* – This is a strong verb calling for a firm conviction (**2 Tim. 1:12**).
 - Did God say??? (**Gen 3:1; Matt 4**)
 - *Philosophy and empty deception* (**Col. 2:8**)

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5. What else should I count?
 - **2 Corinthians 3:4-6** – “count as fact” nothing coming from me.
 - **Philippians 4:8** – “dwell” count on the fact of these things.

Mark 11:24 – “believe that *you have received them*, and they will be granted you.”