I have heard the argument that Romans and Galatians are referring specifically to the Jewish law (with circumcision, etc.). Is justification through faith alone?

Men have always been saved the same way—by grace though faith (Eph 2:8-9). Believers are saved *unto* good works (Eph 2:10) [e.g. to do good works]. A saved individual will produce good works (Mt 7:20).

Circumcision was a sign of God's covenant relationship with his people (Ro 4:11). While Peter, James and John went to the Jews; Paul ministered to the gentiles with the gospel of uncircumcision. God is more interested in the circumcision of one's heart rather than his flesh (Ro 2:29).

Christians are to live holy lives (Col 3:1-17). Paul wrote: Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters (1 Co 7:19). There is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all (Col 3:11).

In Romans 7 Paul discussed God's law and how it relates to people. In Romans 8, Paul discussed assurances for the believer.

Paul was upset with the Galatians because they had turned from the gospel of grace back to law (Ga 1:6-7). He would not submit to their legalism (Ga 2:4-5).

Paul discussed his own life under the law (Ga 1:13-24). He had to remind Peter that it was faith not circumcision that saves both Jews and gentiles (Ga 2:14-18).

Believers live by the indwelling Holy Spirit (Ga 2:20b-21). They are set apart (2 Ti 2:20-21), avoid evil and do good (v.22).

Christians are not just hearers of the word; but, they are doers of the word (Jas 1:22).