



**Romans 4:1-25**  
**“Abraham, Saved by Faith”**

- 1 Abraham was, humanly speaking, the founder of our Jewish nation. What did he discover about being made right with God?
- 2 If his good deeds had made him acceptable to God, he would have had something to boast about. But that was not God's way.

3 For the Scriptures tell us,  
“Abraham believed God,  
and God counted him as righteous  
because of his faith.”

4 When people work,  
their wages are not a gift,  
but something they have earned.

5 But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners.

6 David also spoke of this when he described the happiness of those who are declared righteous without working for it:

7 “Oh, what joy for those  
whose disobedience is forgiven,  
whose sins are put out of sight.

8 Yes, what joy for those  
whose record  
the LORD has cleared of sin.”

**9 Now, is this blessing only for the Jews, or is it also for uncircumcised Gentiles?**

**Well, we have been saying that Abraham was counted as righteous by God because of his faith.**

**10 But how did this happen?**

**Was he counted as righteous only after he was circumcised, or was it before he was circumcised?**

**Clearly, God accepted Abraham before he was circumcised!**

11 Circumcision was a sign that Abraham already had faith and that God had already accepted him and declared him to be righteous—even before he was circumcised.

So Abraham is the spiritual father of those who have faith but have not been circumcised.

They are counted as righteous because of their faith.



13 Clearly, God's promise to give the whole earth to Abraham and his descendants was based not on his obedience to God's law, but on a right relationship with God that comes by faith.

14 If God's promise is only for those who obey the law, then faith is not necessary and the promise is pointless.

**15 For the law always brings  
punishment on those who try  
to obey it.  
(The only way to avoid breaking  
the law is to have no law to break!)**

16 So the promise is received by faith.  
It is given as a free gift.

And we are all certain to receive it,  
whether or not we live according  
to the law of Moses,  
if we have faith like Abraham's.  
For Abraham is  
the father of all who believe.

## Galatians 3:24-29

- 24 Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith.
- 25 And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.

- 26 For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
- 27 And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.
- 28 There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And now that you belong to Christ,  
you are the true children of Abraham.  
You are his heirs,  
and God's promise to Abraham  
belongs to you.

# Romans 4:17

17 That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him,  
“I have made you the father  
of many nations.”

This happened because  
Abraham believed in the God  
who brings the dead back to life  
and who creates new things  
out of nothing.

## Genesis 15:5-6

- 5 And He took him outside and said,  
“Now look toward the heavens,  
and count the stars,  
if you are able to count them.”  
And He said to him,  
“So shall your descendants be.”
- 6 Then he believed in the LORD;  
and He reckoned it to him  
as righteousness.



## Genesis 17: 2-4

- 2 “I will establish My covenant between Me and you, And I will multiply you exceedingly.”
- 3 Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying,
- 4 “As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, And you will be the father of a multitude of nations.

## Romans 4:18

18 Even when there was  
no reason for hope,  
Abraham kept hoping—  
believing that he would become  
the father of many nations.

For God had said to him,  
“That’s how many descendants  
you will have!”

19 And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah's womb.

20 Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God.

**21 He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever He promises.**

**22 And because of Abraham's faith, God counted him as righteous.**

23 And when God counted him  
as righteous,  
it wasn't just for Abraham's benefit.  
It was recorded

24 for our benefit, too,  
assuring us that God will also  
count us as righteous  
if we believe in Him,  
the One who raised  
Jesus our Lord from the dead.



**25** He was handed over to die  
because of our sins,  
and He was raised to life  
to make us right with God.



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