

The Faith of Father Abraham

Romans 4



Why Romans 4

The Faith of Father Abraham?

Salvation by Faith Alone is according to Scripture (Romans 1:2; 3:21, 31)

- **Both in the OT and NT**

Not salvation by works in OT and by faith in the NT

- **For Both Jews and Gentiles**



ROMANS

In Response to Rom. 3:27-31

- **No Boasting**

Salvation by faith, not works.

- **No Discrimination**

Jews or Gentiles,
Circumcised or Uncircumcised.

- **No Antinomianism**

The law is honoured, upheld, & fulfilled.

Was Abraham justified

1. *By faith or works?*
2. *Before or after circumcision*
3. *By faith or by law?*



Romans 4:1-25

His answers and conclusions:

- V1-8 Abraham justified not by works
- V9-12 Abraham justified not by circumcision
- V13-17 Abraham justified not by the law
- V18-22 Abraham justified by faith
- V23-25 Abraham's faith and Ours through Jesus Christ



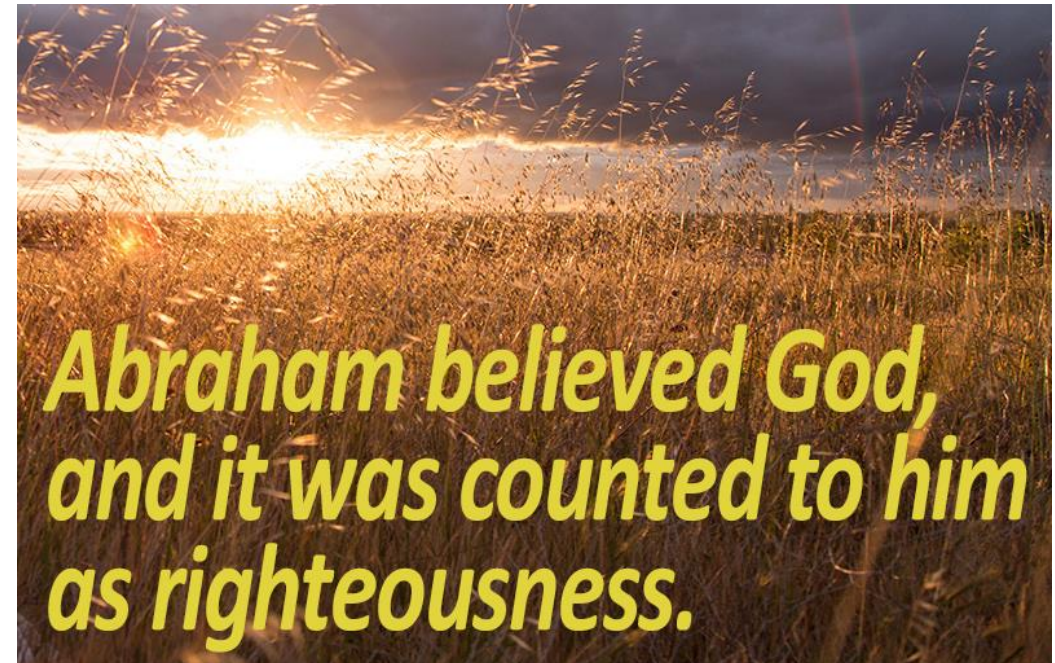
V1-8 Abraham **Justified Not by Works**

³ What does Scripture say?

“Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

**It was Abraham's faith
not his faithfulness that
he was declared righteous**
Credited, Reckon, Count

*Put something into
someone's account*



*Abraham believed God,
and it was counted to him
as righteousness.*

Two Ways of Payment:

⁴ Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. ⁵ However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

Wages or Gift

***According to work done or
by grace - A free &
unmerited divine gift***



V7-8 Unending Credit **According to King David**

*⁷ “Blessed are those whose
transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.*

*⁸ Blessed is the one whose sin the
Lord will never count against them.”*

*Transgression ‘anomiaí’, lawlessness
stepping over a known boundary.*

*Sin ‘harmartiai’, failure
falling short of a known standard.*



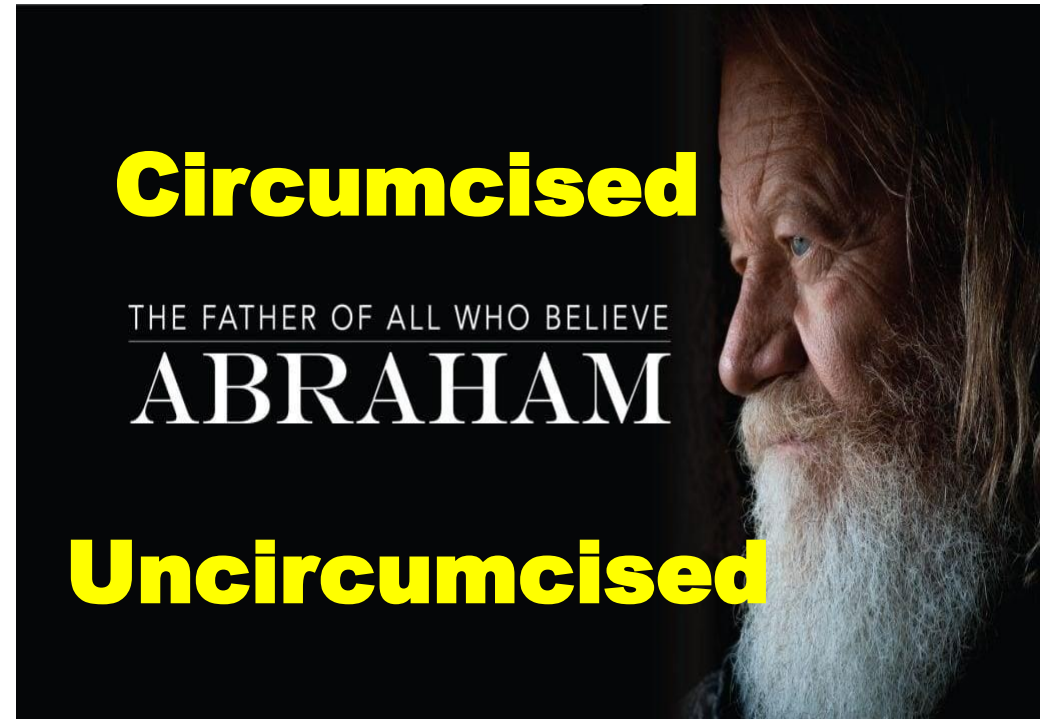
***Forgiven & Forgotten
No Record!***

**All our sins are paid
for in advance!**

V9-12 Abraham Justified **Not by Circumcision**

*We have been saying that Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness.¹⁰ Under what circumstances was it credited? Was it after he was circumcised, or before?
It was not after, but before!*

Justification in Genesis 15
Circumcision in Genesis 17
(14 years later)



V13-17 Abraham **Justified Not by the Law**

¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.

The law in fact came 430 years later through Moses.



V18-22 Abraham **Justified by Faith**

¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Hebrews 11:11-12

**God fulfilled His promise
of descendants to Abraham**

***From Abram (exalted father) to
Abraham (fathers of many nations)***



The Faith of Father Abraham

**Hebrews 11:8 Abraham
responded to the call by faith**

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

Hebrews 11:17-18

**Abraham was tested in his faith
*He passed with flying colour!***



Reasons Abraham believed God

V17b He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

***God is God of Creation
and Resurrection***

**The Sovereign Powerful
Creator God**



Faith does not disregard reality

¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead.

**His body is dead, and
Sarah’s womb is dead**



Faith has its Substance

²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,

Did not '**waver, diakrino**'
'at odds with himself'

Did not give in to
'**unbelief, apistia**'

Strengthened himself by
means of his **faith, pistis**



**God is a
Faithful God**

**Abraham was
convinced God is the
Powerful Faithful God**

*²¹ being fully persuaded
that God had power to do
what he had promised.*

***God is faithful to keep
His promise.***

***God is powerful to do
what He promise.***

Romans 4:22

That is why his faith was “counted
to him as righteousness.”

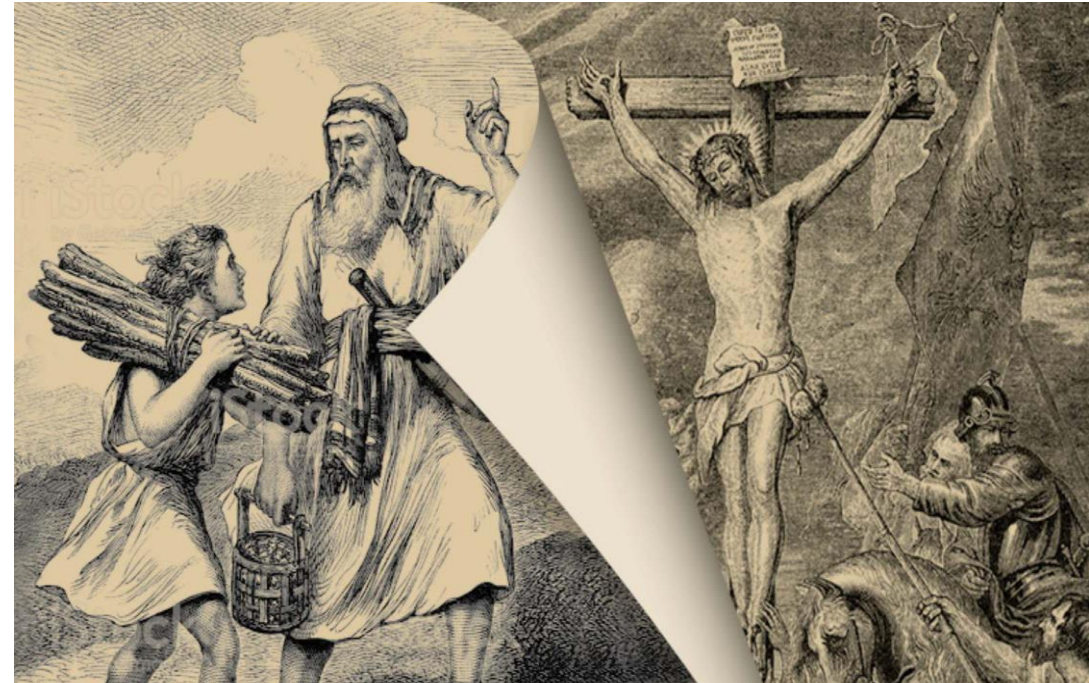
V23-25 Abraham's Faith and Ours through Jesus Christ

***²³ The words “it was credited to him”
were written not for him alone,
²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will
credit righteousness—for us
who believe in him who raised
Jesus our Lord from the dead.***

Righteousness by Faith Alone

It's For Us Too!

God who raises the Dead



If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord,"
and believe in your heart that God raised him
from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

God who raised Jesus from dead

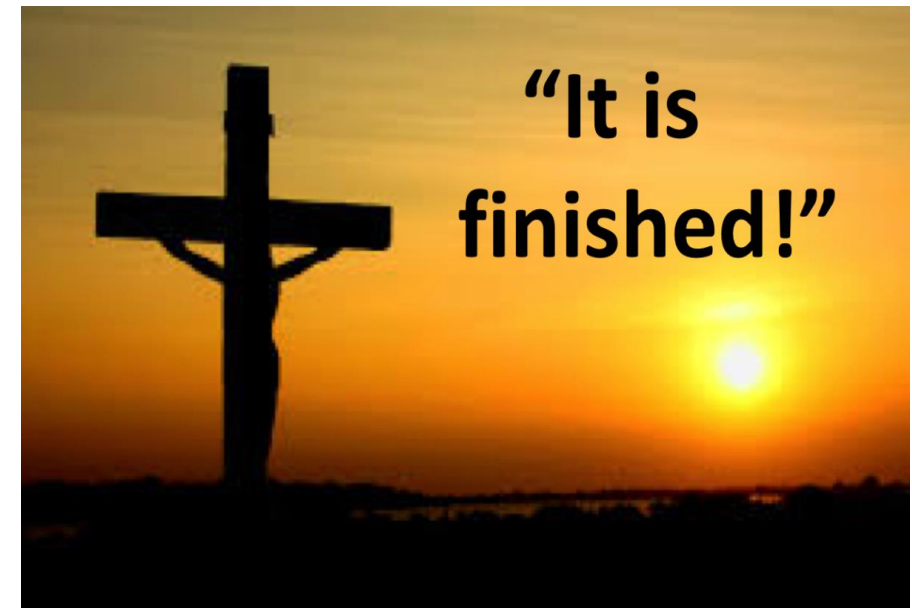
***¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and
are justified, and it is with your mouth that you
profess your faith and are saved.***

God Redeems Us with His Son

²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

God's Complete Redemption Work through Christ on the Cross

Jesus paid the full penalty of sin by his death & was raised to life overcoming sin and death for our justification.



Christ on the Cross

***Presents us
faultless before God
inexpressibly pure,
absolutely righteous,
and profoundly justified!***



A rustic wooden cross is positioned on the left side of the image. It is made of two weathered wooden beams, one vertical and one horizontal, intersecting at a central point. The background is a textured, aged parchment or paper with a warm, yellowish-brown hue and some darker, mottled areas.

SALVATION

SAVED BY GRACE ALONE

THROUGH FAITH ALONE

IN CHRIST ALONE

ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE ALONE

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD ALONE