

ABRAHAM'S JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

We are currently studying a new series of lessons entitled, **Justification by Faith**, taken from Rom.4-5.

five aspects of Abraham's Justification by Faith taken from Rom.4:1-5.

1. We will begin by dividing Rom.4:1-25 into three sections for study

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| • Rom.4:1-5 | Abraham's justification by faith | Not by works of Law, |
| • Rom.4:6-12 | David's Justification by faith | Not by works of Law. |
| • Rom.4:13-25 | The Church Age believer's justification by faith | Not by works of Law. |

Taking section one, Rom.4:1-5, we will divide it into two sections, asking two rhetorical questions:

- **Rom.4:1-2** - What did Abraham, founder of the Jewish race, discover about his own grace salvation? (forefather, flesh, found)
 - “For **if** (1st class condition = true) [hypothetical] Abram was justified by **works**, (and being that he was) he has something to boast about; but not before God.” (4:2)
- **Rom.4:3 -5** - What did Abraham discover from the Old Covenant Canon of Scriptures (**Gen.1-15**)?
 - “For what does the Scriptures say? (Paul found Abraham's answer in Gen.15:6/ Rom.4:3-5).

2. Paul says that Abraham learned that God justifies the ungodly (ton asebes/ asm) by faith and not by works (Rom.4:4-5; Rom. 5:6; 1 Tim.1:9-11; 2 Pet.2:5-6).

- **Josh.24:2** - “Joshua said to all the people, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘From ancient times your fathers lived beyond the River namely, Tarah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahbor, and **they served other gods.**’” (Gen.11:10, 27-32) [Shemites/ Gentiles]
- **Rom.4:5** - “But (de) to the one **who does not work (ouk to ergazomai/ p.m.ptc.dsm)**, but (de/ contrast) **believes (pisteuo/ dsm) in Him who justifies (ton dikaioo/ p.a.ptc.asm) the ungodly, his faith (he pistis/ nsf) is credited (logizomai/ p.p.ind.3ps) Main Verb (Imputed Perfect Righteousness) (+R) as righteousness.**”

3. Paul declared that In order for Abraham to be justified by faith; Abraham had to believe what God said specifically about grace salvation apart from works.

- **Gal.3:8** - Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.”
- **Gen.15:6** - “For what does the Scripture say?” - “Then he **believed in the Lord; and He** reckoned it (**faith**) to him as righteousness.”
- **Rom.4:3** - “Abraham **believed** (pisteuo) God, **and it** (pistis/ faith) was credited to him as **righteousness**
 - **Gen. Ch. 15** - Abram was promised a messianic **seed heir.**
 - **Gen. Ch. 12-15** - Abrahamic Covenant: land, blessings, **seed**
 - (Gal.3:16; Gen.22:38; Rom.3:25)

4. Justification by faith results in the acquittal of all 13 judicial charges of Adam's Original Sin (AOS).

It was part of package of 50 Things every Church Age Believer receives and can never lose in time or eternity.

QUESTION: What was credited (logizomai/ a.p.ind.3ps) (Rom.4:3)? _____ (imputed +R) and how was it credited? _____

Logizomai (credit/ reckon) is used three times (Rom.4:3, 4, 5).

- **Rom.4:3** - Justification by faith is required to be credited with imputed +R (2 Cor. 5:21).
- **Rom.4:4** - Imputation +R is by grace (favor/ charin/ grace on part of giver/ favor bestowed. (Eph.2:8-9; Rom.5:21; Rom.3:20-26).
- **Rom.4:5** - Imputed +R is credit because Jesus Christ's redemption acquitted everyone from the slave market of Adam's original sin. (Rom.5:12-21) All who believe the gospel of grace salvation. (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9; Rom.3:21-26)

5. The person who believes in a "work salvation" can never "have something to boast (kauchaomai) about before God."

- **Rom.4:2** - "For if Abraham was **justified by works**, he has something to boast about, **but not before God.**"
- **Rom.4:4-5** - "Now to the **one who works**, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. But to the **one who does not work, but believes** in Him who justifies the ungodly, **his faith is credited as righteousness.**"
- **1 Cor.1:30-31** - "But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, 'Let him who **boast, boast in the Lord.**'" (Jer.9:23-24; Rom.5:8-11) [exult/ kauchaomai]
- **Rom.3:27-28** - "**Where then is boasting?** It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, **but by a law of faith.** For we maintain that a man is **justified by faith** apart from the Law."