

ABRAHAM'S FAITH AND OURS

Romans 4:1-25

Key Verses: 4:23-24

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

1. Under what circumstances was Abraham justified, and why is his example so important (3:28; 4:1-3; Gen 15:6)? How do people understand works and wages (4)? How is being justified by faith different (5)?
2. What further example does the author give (6)? According to David, who is the truly blessed or happy person (7-8)? How did David experience God who justifies the ungodly?
3. For whom is the blessedness of being credited as righteous (9)? When was Abraham credited as righteous (10)? What is the purpose of circumcision (11a)? In what sense is Abraham a father of all who believe (11b-12)?
4. What promise did God give Abraham, and how did he receive it (13)? What happens to those who depend on the law (14-15)? What blessing comes to those who receive the promise through faith (16a)? Who are Abraham's offspring (16b-17)?
5. What was Abraham's condition when he received the promise, and how did he respond to the promise (18)? How did Abraham demonstrate his faith (19-22)?
6. Read verses 23-25. Notice the repetition of “credited...as righteousness” in this chapter. To whom does God credit righteousness? In what respect is the essence of our faith the same as Abraham's?