

## “IT WAS COUNTED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS”

Romans 4:1–12

Key Verse: 4:3

1. What surprising thing does Paul introduce about Abraham (1–3)? What does the word “counted” mean? For what reason did God count Abraham righteous (3)?
2. What does Paul say about the one who works (4)? What does he say about God and about faith (5)? What should we take away from this?
3. In what ways is David another good example of someone whose faith is counted as righteousness (6–8)?
4. How does Paul apply this to both the circumcised and the uncircumcised (9–12)? To Paul, why is the timing of Abraham’s circumcision important (10–11)? How does he redefine here what it means to be a descendant of Abraham?
5. In what ways might you think God “owes” you something? What do verses 7–8 mean to you? How can you “walk in the footsteps of faith” like our forefather of faith Abraham?