

Chap 4



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Where have we been so far?

- Greeting and Introduction of the Gospel
- Indictment of all mankind – all have sinned
- Law's Purpose – Reveal, Define, Increase
- Good News on the Law – faith alone saves

“by faith” is illustrated in the life of Abraham

- 1-8: Abraham & David justified “by faith”
- 9-17: Faith is for all, not just the Jews
- 18-25: Abe’s faith is model for us Christians

What is Faith?

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Choosing to take God at His word

Romans 4:1-3

Justified by Faith

...“Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” (Gen 15:6)

- Abraham...
 - Took God as His word
 - Received what he did not deserve (grace)

Romans 4:4-5

4 Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift ... 5 And to the one who ...believes ...faith is counted as righteousness,

- If we earn it, then it is not a gift
- But if we take God at His word...

Romans 4:6-8

⁶ just as David also speaks...⁷ “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven... against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

- David...
 - Didn't receive what he deserved (mercy)
 - Takes God as His word...

Quick summary of 1-8

- Abraham received God's gift of grace
 - He got what he did not deserve
- If we earn it, it is not a gift – we deserve it
- David received God's gift of mercy
 - He did not get what he deserved

Romans 4:9-10

Is it only for the Jews?

*⁹ Is this blessing then only for the circumcised,
...faith was counted to Abraham as
righteousness...before he was circumcised.*

- Abe declared righteous before circumcision

Romans 4:11-13

...The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe...¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring...did not come through the law but through...faith

- All (Gentile & Jew) are heirs of Abe by faith

Romans 4:14-15

14 For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and... void...

- If it is something we do, we don't need God's gift that is received by faith

Romans 4:16-17

16 That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring...

- It is God's work / gift for all mankind

Faith is not the cause of justification

- God's mercy and grace – cause / source
- “By faith” answers how – means / process

- Earn it by obedience? You are the source
- B/C it is given, it reveals God loves all of us

Romans 4:18-19

Abraham is an example

*18 In hope he believed against [all] hope
...when he considered his own body...or...the
barrenness of Sarah's womb.*

- Abe believed God despite all human logic
- Abe is 99 / Sarah is 90 (Gen 17:17)

Romans 4:20-22

...but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised...

- God protected Abe in Egypt, blessed him w/wealth, gave him victory in battle, etc.

Romans 4:23-25

...It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead, Jesus our Lord...

- Those who put their faith in God like Abraham put his faith in God, will be saved

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- Abe believed God & was declared righteous
- Those who believe receive righteousness
- Not just the Jew, but also the Gentile
- For by faith God we become Abraham's heirs
- If only we will believe as Abraham believed

Walk “by faith” and not by sight (2 Cor 5:7)

- How do I love God?
- How do I love my spouse?
- How do I love my children?
- How do I love my parents?
- How do I love my neighbor?
- How do I love my church?

The Gospel – 1 Cor 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you, except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out, so that you can endure it...

Jesus's darkest hours

Matt 4:1-11

Matt 26:36-39



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