

ROMANS I-IV



The Righteousness of God

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READ

Read Romans 4:1-25 and consider what lesson the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

EXAMINE

- Paul illustrates through Israel's forefather Abraham how someone can obtain the righteousness of God. Read Genesis 26:4-5. What would a Jew have thought about Abraham's righteousness, based on God's own testimony about Abraham?
- Look at Romans 4:1-8. What point does Paul make about how Abraham received his righteousness? Particularly, how does Paul apply this in verse 5?
- The "blessing" (4:9) of justified status before God is freely applied to both the circumcised and uncircumcised. How does Paul illustrate this in the story of Abraham (9-15)?
- Abraham's life illustrates that faith is counted as righteousness by the grace of God (16). What was Abraham's physical condition when he exercised his faith? What does Paul say that reveals about God and His power (17; 20-21)?
- What does the main theme of "It was counted to him as righteousness" (23-25) mean for all who exercise faith in the Lord Jesus?

APPLY

- Grace first, then obedience. Why is this order so important for believers today, as illustrated in the story of Abraham? How do Christians today tend to mess up this order?
- In 4:17, God is revealed as the One who creates something where nothing previously existed. How does this apply to our faith? What does this mean for the Christian's boasting?
- "Abraham believed God." What have you learned about God through this study? Would you say that your faith is in God or something or someone else?

PRAY

Take time to praise God for who He is, confess sins, and/or make requests based on this passage.

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