

Romans 4

Righteousness by Faith

The Father of Faith

- Romans 4:1-3 - Abraham was justified by believing God, not by works
- Faith is not a work we boast in; it is trusting in God's grace
- Stop wondering to see if God has accepted you - take Him at His word

Wages or Gift

- V4-5 - Wages are owed; grace is a gift
- God justifies the ungodly by His grace
- Stop believing you can earn God's love
- Start believing that God does love you
- God loves you and wants you to believe in His free gift of salvation through Jesus

David - The Blessing of Forgiveness

- V6-8 - Righteousness apart from the law

V7-8 quote from David in Psalm 32:1-2

- Sin covered, sin not counted – your sin record is cleared by Jesus, just believe

Isaiah 1:18 Though our sins be like scarlet, they are washed white as snow.

Grace Came Before the Sign

- V9-12 - Abraham believed before the law was given
- The Sign demonstrated grace;
- Do not trust in signs; Do trust in God
- Lean on Christ's work and not on your work

Promise, Not Law

- V13-15 - The promise came through Abraham's faith, not by obedience to law
- The Law exposes our sins; the Law cannot cover our sin. The Law proves we are not holy.
- When you fail, trust God's promises

Guaranteed by Grace

V16–We rest on faith & we may rest on grace

- What grace begins, grace guarantees to the end
- Trade your fears for faith
- Trust in God and His mercy

Hope Against Hope

V17-22 - God gives life to the dead

- Abraham faced his doubts and still trusted God's promise
- We all have sin, we all need forgiveness, and we all need a Savior

Written for Us

V23-25 - These words were written for us

- Raised for our justification - the debt is paid
- Today: Believe the risen Christ and the grace of God that brings salvation to all