

# The Righteousness of God

Still the Same Gospel

(Hint: It's Justification by Faith)

## Romans 4:1-5 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup> And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,

An amazing statement: **"God justifies the ungodly."**

The answer to the question, **"How?"** is the \_\_\_\_\_!

5 truths Romans 4 teaches us about **justification\***:

Abraham was *not* justified by \_\_\_\_\_. (4:1-8)

*Salvation is not a \_\_\_\_\_ we earn (but sin is!). Salvation is a \_\_\_\_\_ we receive (through faith).*

*A good definition of justification\*:*

Abraham was *not* justified by \_\_\_\_\_. (4:9-12)

*Both justification and circumcision were "gifts". Which was given first? Our parallel?*

Abraham was not justified by \_\_\_\_\_. (4:13-17)

*The hope of salvation rests on \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.*

Abraham was justified by \_\_\_\_\_. (4:17-22)

*His faith was in God's \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Our faith must be based on God's \_\_\_\_\_.*

*A good definition of faith:*

Just like for Abraham, justification/salvation for us is still by faith.

**Romans 4:23-25 (ESV)**

<sup>23</sup> But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup> who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

**4 faith lessons we should apply:**

Faith goes beyond \_\_\_\_\_, but it's not \_\_\_\_\_ (4:3)

*The \_\_\_\_\_ of faith is dependent on the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of who/what is being trusted!*

Faith without \_\_\_\_\_ isn't real faith.

*Abraham ...*

*(See also: James 2:14-23; Hebrews 11:8-19)*

Faith transcends \_\_\_\_\_. (4:17-19)

*"As good as dead ..."*

Faith that is \_\_\_\_\_ is faith that \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (4:20)