

Romans 4:1-8
Title: Justification
by Faith
Series: No Condemnation



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1. Introduction

- a. Difference between Christianity & other religions
 - other religions idea of salvation
 - salvation earned by good works
- b. - Christianity based on Christ's death on the cross & rising back alive from the dead
 - * "It is finished." (Jn 19:30)
 - * Jesus finished God's work

2. Basis of Abraham's Righteousness

- a. "Flesh" refers to human work
- b. Justified means becoming acceptable to God
- c. Abraham believed God
 - God counted his faith for righteousness
- d. Abraham never knew Moses Law
 - he died hundreds of years before Moses born

3. Scriptural Basis

- a. Testimony of Scripture
 - what does Scripture "say"?
 - (Gen 15:6) - believed God
- b. Abraham believed God
 - before any children
 - before inheriting any land
 - Gal 3:17 - covenant by promise

- 3c. Testimony of Abraham's response
 - Gal 2:16 justified by faith of Jesus
- d. Testimony of God's faithfulness
 - counted (imputed) for righteousness
- 4. Belief of the Righteous
 - a. Reward reckoned (earned) of debt
 - earned wages are a debt until paid (accounting)
 - wages of sin is death (Rom 6:23)
 - b. Reward reckoned (counted) of faith
 - for person who does not try to earn righteousness
 - * believe on God's work, his faith counted for righteousness

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- 5. Blessing of Forgiveness
 - a. Blessing of imparted (given) righteousness
 - God's gift not earned (apart from works)
 - * whose sins are covered
 - b. Blessing of full forgiveness
 - person whose lawless deeds (behavior) are forgiven (Ps 32:1)
 - c. Imputed gift of money deposited into bank account
 - God covers up account, showing sin on His bank books
 - * lawless deeds forgiven
 - x bad debts written off the books
 - * sins are covered
 - * God's grace
 - * God's makes deposit of righteousness in His books