

Romans 4:18-25
"Hope & Faith of
Abraham"

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1. Introduction

a. Three main divisions

- vs. 1-8 Faith & works contrasted
- vs 9-17 God & grace contrasted
- vs 18-25 Christ & death contrast

2. Hope of Abraham (vs 18-19)

a. Childless couple with no children

b. Promised to be father of many

c. Hope for the nations

- He believed God

- God gives life to the dead

- God calls nonexistent into reality

d. ~~Gods~~ nonexistent Faith for son

- to have seed (sperm) for a son

- he believed after 100 years old

- he believed even Sarah in

menopause

3. Faith of Abraham (vs 20-22)

a. Abraham didn't stagger at God's promise of God

- strong in faith

- no unbelief

b. Abraham fully persuaded

- God was able to perform

- old age? past childbearing?

- reproduction considered dead?

- "So shall your descendent(s) be"

c. Mt 19:26 With men this is

impossible

- BUT with God all things are possible

3 d. Abraham's faith imputed (counted) for righteousness
- counted in God's books counted to Abraham

4. Legacy of Abraham (vs 23-

a. We Christians believe on Savior
- not written for Abraham's sake alone

b. Also written for us Christians
- Christian faith also imputed for righteousness

c. Christian justified by Savior
- God raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead
- faith believing God the Father raised up Jesus

d. Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Jesus delivered because of human offenses (sins)
- was raised for Christian justification

* justification: correct standing with God

- Rom 10:8-10

* Confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus

* Believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead