

ABRAHAM: AN EXAMPLE OF JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH Pt. 1

(Romans 4:1-8)

- I. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REVEALED: MAN'S SIN AND GOD'S CONDEMNATION (1:18-3:20)**
- II. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD RECEIVED: HIS JUSTIFICATION TO ALL BELIEVERS (3:21-5:21)**
 - A. The EXPLANATION of JUSTIFICATION by Grace (3:21-26)**
 - B. The DEFENSE of JUSTIFICATION by Grace through faith (3:27-31)**
 - C. The PROOF of Justification by Faith ILLUSTRATED (4:1-25)**

1. In Romans chapter 4, Paul holds up the patriarch of Judaism, _____ as an example of being _____ before God by grace alone through faith alone. (v. 1)

2. Hypothetically speaking, _____ Abraham were able to be justified by his own _____, he would have a great deal to _____ about. (v. 2)

* What two kinds of justification does the Bible teach?

3. Based on Scripture rather than tradition, we are informed that Abraham simply _____ in the Lord and His promise, and God gave Abraham the gift of _____. (v. 3, cf. Gen. 15:6)

4. God operates on the basis of _____; you _____ indebt God by trying to _____ Him to give you heaven as a reward. (v. 4)

5. To the person who chooses to _____ rely on his works for salvation, but rather chooses to _____ on Christ, "*his faith is accounted for righteousness.*" (v. 5)

* How would we define Biblical faith?

* Isn't faith also a work?

6. Paul briefly uses a second example of justification by grace from Psalm 32, a psalm of King David's _____. (vv. 6-8)

* Why would David be another good example of justification by faith?

7. Justification is a _____, forensic term, whereby God judicially declares a _____ sinner who trusts in Christ to be righteous in His sight.

a. This imputed righteousness is _____ from any _____ by the sinner.

b. This imputed righteousness is _____ because of any inherent _____ in the sinner.

c. This imputed righteousness is entirely based upon God's _____ alone.

d. God has chosen to _____ this individual's sins, because this person has placed his/her faith in Christ.

* Have you personally received the righteousness of God?