

ABRAHAM: AN EXAMPLE OF JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH Pt. 3

(Romans 4:17-25)

- 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)**
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 - C. **The PROOF of Justification by Faith ILLUSTRATED (4:1-25)**

1. Thus far, we have seen in verses 1-16 that Abraham was _____ before God by _____ through _____ apart from works. (4:1-16)

* According to v. 16, how is “*assurance*” of salvation possible for both Jew and Gentile?

2. In typical Pauline fashion, the apostle turns once again to the Scriptures to demonstrate that it is the Creator who calls non-existent things into existence. (v. 17)

a. Abraham was a heathen dead in sin, God made him _____.

b. God brought into existence _____ (through Isaac) that did not formerly exist.

c. In Abraham and Sarah's old age, it was God who made their _____ capable of reproducing an offspring.

3. Contrary to all outward appearances and human logic, Abraham had _____ that God would do what nature could _____, i.e., give him physical descendants. (vv. 18-19)

* Where should your focus be as a believer?

4. Abraham's faith was in God's _____ and _____, and as a result he was able to give _____ to God. (vv. 20-21)

* Why are worry, doubt, and unbelief such great offences to the Lord?

5. Abraham's _____ in God's Word resulted in God's _____ being imputed to him. (v. 22)

6. God's methods with faith are _____ the same; Abraham's justification is the perfect _____ that salvation has always been by grace through faith. (vv. 23-24)

7. Jesus was "*delivered up*" on account of our _____ to make atonement for them; and He was raised on account of our _____ as proof that the Father was satisfied. (v. 25)

* How can you personally apply this truth by faith?