

Lesson 7
Justification by Faith Exemplified
(Romans 4:1-25)

• **Questions**

1. On what basis was Abraham justified before God (4:1-3)?

2. What two principles of justification are being contrasted by Paul (4:4-5)?

3. According to David, how is a man made righteous (4:6-8)?

4. The reckoning of righteousness toward man is the same as what (4:6-8)?

5. When was Abraham justified by God, before or after circumcision (4:9-10)?

6. Why at this time (4:11-12)?

7. What is circumcision and what was its original purpose (4:11)?

8. When was Abraham justified by God, before or after the giving of the Law (4:13)?

9. Why at this time (4:14-16)?

10. List the characteristics of Abraham's faith in God given in Romans 4:17-21?

11. What did God do for Abraham (4:22; compare 4:3-5)?

12. Why is Abraham's faith and God's reward of him recorded (4:23-24)?

13. Why did Jesus die and rise from the grave (4:25)?

• **Digging Deeper**

1. What principle taught in Romans 1:5 and 3:27-28 is illustrated in the life of Abraham (4:1-5) and David (4:6-7)?

2. Why did Paul choose Abraham and David, two great Old Testament persons?

3. What kind of "*works*" are under consideration in Romans 4:2-6? Are acts of obedience included in these "*works*"? (Hint: Look ahead to Romans 6:16-17.)

4. What does the word "reckon" ("count" or "impute," KJV) mean and how is it used in this context (vv. 3,4,5,6,8,22,23,24)?

5. What Old Testament scripture is quoted in verse 3? What Old Testament scripture is quoted in verses 7 and 8? What Old Testament scriptures are quoted in verse 17 and 18?

6. What connection is there between Romans 4:6, Romans 3:21, and Romans 3:28?

7. How is David an example of a forgiven man (vv. 7-8)?

8. Was Abraham justified by faith before and without any acts of obedience?

9. What Old Testament scripture tells of “the sign of circumcision” given to Abraham (v. 11)?

10. What is “the promise to Abraham” in Romans 4:13? What does this phrase mean: “the law worketh wrath” (v. 15)?

11. What is the parallel between what Abraham believed and our belief in Christ (vv. 17,24)?

12. What connection is there between Romans 4:25 and Romans 3:25?

• **Applications for Today**

1. The blessing of forgiveness of sins is for “all” mankind (4:11,16).

2. Today, we are justified by faith just like Abraham. To be saved today, we must “walk in the steps of that faith” of Abraham. He had a faith that (4:12,17-22):
 1. Believed what one cannot see
 2. Believed in hope
 3. Was not weakened
 4. Believed (obeyed) God regardless of age or personal limitation
 5. Wavered not through unbelief
 6. Grew strong
 7. Gave glory to God
 8. Was fully assured of what God promised, not what man promised