

ROMANS – LESSON FOUR

- I. ABRAHAM: AN EXAMPLE OF JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH (4:1-25).**
- A. Abraham was not free of guilt from his works – but justified by his faith (v. 1-8).
1. Explanation of being perfect under a system of works: reward is of debt – not grace.
 2. Result of faith being reckoned unto righteousness : David’s pronounced blessing - sins forgiven.
- B. Abraham reckoned unto righteousness by his faith apart and before circumcision (4:9-12).
1. Circumcision a sign and seal of the righteousness Abraham already had before his circumcision.
 2. Allows Abraham to be father of all who believe: circumcised and uncircumcised.
- C. Abraham and his seed to be heir of the world through promise – not law.
1. If through law, then faith void and promise of no effect.
 2. Promise is by faith that it may be according to grace.
 - a. Sure to all the seed – not just those under the law of Moses.
 - b. Abraham therefore becomes father of all.
 3. Abraham believed in promise of God even against hope.
- D. Abraham’s faith being reckoned unto righteousness example for those being justified who believe on God who raised Jesus from the dead (v. 23-25).

QUESTIONS:

1. Where is the Scripture that declares Abraham’s faith was reckoned unto him unto righteousness?
2. Was this passage the first time Abraham manifested his God approving faith?
3. The *works* that Abraham was not justified by were:
 - (a). equal to living a perfect or sinless life.
 - (b). equal to Believing, Confessing, Repenting and being Baptized into Christ.
4. The faith that is reckoned unto righteousness is the faith that will lead to the believer having his or hers _____ being _____.
5. According to David, our sins are “covered” when they are “_____”.

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6. How does Paul use God's declaration of Abraham's righteousness to prove that Abraham was not declared righteous because he was in a circumcised state?

7. How could Abraham be the Father of the circumcised and uncircumcised at the same time?

8. When was Abraham and his seed declared that he would be heir of the world?

9. Abraham and his seed being heir of the world came through a _____ not _____.

10. What does law produce?
How?

11. "But where there is no _____, neither is there _____."

12. Being righteous by faith is according to God's _____ .

13. What is the "seed" in Romans 4:16 ?

14. How is knowing that God calls things that are not as though they were related to the faith that Abraham had in God?

