



*“The Just Shall Live by Faith!”
The Apostle Paul
Romans 1:17*

**The Just Shall Live by Faith
“God’s Provision for Our Salvation” – Grace
Romans 4:9-17**

1. Abraham was NOT justified by Circumcision – Vs. 9-12

- Abraham was counted righteous when he believed in God – Gal. 3:6.
- Abraham was counted righteous before the ritual of circumcision was instituted – Gen. 15:1-6, Gen 17:9ff.
- Abraham was circumcised as outward evidence of his inward obedience to God – Vs. 11.
- Abraham’s rite of circumcision (cutting away of the flesh) is equal to baptism in the life of true believer.
- Baptism by immersion should be the first step of faith in the life of a new believer – Col. 2:12, Acts 2:38.
- As the first man to be justified by grace through faith, Abraham became the father of all believers – Vs. 12 – he is the *pattern*, the *picture*, the *example*, and the *standard* – the *father* of all believers.

2. Abraham was NOT justified by the Law – Vs. 13-14

- The promise God made to Abraham was not based upon his ability to keep the law, which had not been established, but by his faith.

- The promise God made to Abraham involved:
 - **A LAND** – Gen. 15:18-21
 - **A PEOPLE** – Gen 13:16, 15:5
 - **A BLESSING** – Gen. 12:3
 - **A REDEEMER** – Gen. 22:8
- The promise God made to Abraham would be handed down – *not by human descent* – i.e., to his bloodline only – *but by spiritual descent* – i.e., to those who followed his example of faith.
- When ANY person believes God’s promise of salvation through their faith in Jesus Christ, that act of faith is reckoned unto them as Christ’s own righteousness.

3. Abraham WAS justified by God’s Grace – Vs. 16-17 – “Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace.”

- Faith makes the promise available to everyone.
- Grace makes the promise accessible to everyone.
- **GODS** – salvation is all of God.
- **RIGHTEOUSNESS** – that which makes us acceptable.
- **AT** – salvation is through Christ.
- **CHRIST’S** – by His stripes we are healed.
- **EXPENSE** – even the death of the cross.