



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

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“God’s Provision for Our Salvation”
Romans 4:1-8

The theme of the first three chapters of Romans:

- The righteousness of God revealed – 1:16-17
- The unrighteousness of people revealed –
 - Gentiles – 1:18-31
 - Jews – 2:1-3:8
 - All men everywhere – 3:9-20
- The righteousness of God imputed – Justification
 - Through Christ – 3:21-26
 - Received by faith – 3:27-4:25
 - The principle of justification by faith – 3:27-31
 - The principle of salvation by faith – 4:1-25

The Illustration of Justification by Faith from the life of Abraham.

- **The Jewish people thought Abraham was chosen of God because of his obedience to God.**
 - Paul said Abraham was chosen of God by the grace of God through his obedience to God's Word.
 - Abraham was "saved" because he believed God's Word!
 - Paul wanted to prove two points:
 - All men are sinners and need a Savior.
 - All men can be saved by grace through faith – it is the gift of God – not of works.

1. Paul's Premise – vs 1-2

- God made two promises to Abraham:
- IF Abraham followed God unquestionably, he would become the:
 - Father of a new nation – Israel
 - Channel through which all the nations would be blessed – Jesus
 - Abraham was counted righteous, not because of who he was or what he did, but because he simply believed/obeyed God.

2. Paul's Proof – vs 3

- Genesis 15:6, Galatians 3:6 – ***“Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness.”***
- Hebrews 11:8-12 – ***“By faith, Abraham ...obeyed and went out not knowing where he went.”***
- Hebrews 11:17-19 – ***“By faith, Abraham...offered up Isaac.”***

3. Paul's Proclamation – vs 4-8

- Human works puts God under obligation.
- It is the faithful who are counted as being righteous by their trust in and their obedience to God's Word.
 - His sins are forgiven and covered- Vs 7
 - His sins will not be counted against him
 - The root of all sin is our failure to obey God.
 - The WORK God wants us to do to be saved is to believe in Him, which means to take Him at His Word – trust and obey!
- **FACTS** – the whole gospel of Jesus Christ
- **ACCEPTED** – acceptance of God's plan
- **INTERNALIZED** – including genuine repentance
- **TRUST** – relying upon God and God alone
- **HOPE** – believing in things we cannot see