

Romans 4 King James Version (KJV)

4 What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?

²For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. (works = boasting, vaunting – bad translation) (God doesn't appreciate men who boast on themselves. God gave Abraham everything that he had. And Abraham glorified God for his blessings)

³For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. (Although Abraham didn't have the Ten Commandments yet, he believed in God and obeyed Him)

⁴Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. (God repays all of our works with rewards)

⁵But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. (Faith goes a long way with God. HE appreciates those who have faith in Him)

⁶Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Psalms-32 (Have faith in God but also do good works) Revelation-19:8, James-2:14-26

NOTES: (Again I disagree with Paul. Faith is important and so are good works. David always stayed loyal to God and did as God asked of him. When he failed <like we all do>, he repented and was forgiven)

(Solomon went bad in his later years. He succumbed to the luxuries of the world. Solomon was the reason that the 10 northern tribes left Judah. Israel lost God's blessings because Solomon brought in idolatry and heathen women into Israel; and the people went with it. These are evil works. It cost his descendants the kingdom. Idolatry is an abomination to God)

(Today, the left welcomes Muslims into our Christian countries. And, sure enough, we are losing more of our blessings with each passing year)

⁷ Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. (Jesus made it easy for us to gain salvation, but we have to do the work – through faith and good deeds)

⁸ Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. (To sin is to transgress against the Ten Commandments)

⁹ Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. (Abraham always obeyed God, without question; and he never lost his faith in God. Those were his good works)

(Circumcision is no longer needed because Jesus fulfilled all of the blood ordinances on the cross for us. People who say that circumcision is necessary for salvation are wrong)

(The apostles in Jerusalem disagreed with Paul on this point, until God corrected Peter. Afterwards, Peter backed Paul up. Salvation was indeed open to the Gentiles without circumcision) see Acts-10, 2Peter-3:16

¹⁰ How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. (Circumcision today is of the mind, of the spirit) Romans-2:28-29

¹¹ And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

¹² And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

¹³ For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. (The law is only a guide as to right from wrong. It can't save us because we all sin. Only repentance when we break the law; and forgiveness from God can save us)

Isaiah-43:26 (God made these promises to us)

¹⁴For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:

¹⁵Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. (The law is what keeps people on the right track; but it is not salvation)

¹⁶Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, (by grace = by unmerited favor – from God)

¹⁷(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Genesis-17:5 (Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee)

¹⁸Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

¹⁹And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: (They were both very old, but with God, all things are possible. Sarah conceived Isaac when she was 90 years old, because God made that promise to her)

²⁰He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; (Abraham never lost his faith in this promise and in all promises from God. He also obeyed God without question. These were his good works)

²¹And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. (Faith is black and white. There are no gray areas. You either have the faith or you don't)

²²And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

²³ Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

²⁴ But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; (If we truly believe that Jesus is God – in the flesh. Death has no power over God)

Hebrews-2:14 (Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil)

²⁵ Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. (God, as Jesus Christ, paid the price for our sins and for our salvation. God has many offices. Jesus Christ – the Savior is one of those offices)