

Follow Along Sermon Notes Romans 4

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- Introduction
 - Bad math
- Structure
 - Patriarch - Abraham, Sarah, David, Adam (Ch 5)
 - Diatribe - Through v10, continuation of Ch 3
 - Credits - *Logizomai* - Logical, Account/Reason/Consider/Take inventory
 - If Abraham was justified by works? ... v1-5
 - David speaks of the blessing... blessing then only for the circumcised? V6-12
 - For... did not come through the law v13
 - For if it is the adherents who are to be heirs... promise is void v14
 - For the law bring wrath v15
 - Therefore it depends on faith... 16-21
 - Therefore "it was credited to him as righteousness" 22-25
- Facet of the Gospel
 - God credits righteousness.
 - **How do we usually feel about buying things on credit? Both good and bad.**
- Comment
 - V2 Justified by works - *Ergon* - Phil 2:12
 - **How do we know Paul does NOT think works is an option for justification?**
 - V3 Counted to him as righteousness - Gen 15:6, 18; 16
 - V6 Blessing... apart from works - Psa 32:1-5; Matt 5:6
 - **Paul is citing Psalm 32 to point out the present tense blessing we have in being declared righteous. Have you had this experience? [Felt overwhelming joy and relief over forgiven sin] Have you had an opposite experience? [You still feel guilty]**
 - V10 Was it before or after...
 - V11 He received the sign of circumcision as a seal - Gen 17:10; 12:3
 - **Let's read Gen 15:1-6 and 17:9-14. How would you feel about God's timetable if you were in Abraham's shoes?**
 - V11-12 Father of all... uncircumcised... circumcised - Rom 1:16; 2:9; 3:9
 - **How is this father of uncircumcised and circumcised language scandalous for Paul?**

- V13 For promise... did not come through the law... through righteousness of faith
- V14 For if those of the law are heirs... the promise made of no effect.
- V15 For the law brings wrath... transgression - Exo 19-32
 - **How is this retelling of Rom 3:20?**
- V16 Therefore it is of faith... to all seed... also which is of the faith of Abraham
- V22 Therefore "It was credited to him as righteousness" - Gen 15:6
- 23-25 Bring it back to Jesus
 - **What specifics of belief in Jesus does Paul state?**
- Facet of the Gospel
 - God credits righteousness.
- Application Points
 - Do you believe God?
 - **Have you known anyone (or been someone) who has heard the story of Jesus and thought it is too good to be true?**