

## **Justification By Faith Alone Illustrated Through Abraham**

(Romans 4:1-25)

Intro: Paul, having explained that justification—*being declared right with God*—is a free gift of God’s grace through faith in the redemption accomplished by Christ Jesus on the cross (Rom. 3:21-26); brings forth Abraham as an illustration of justification by faith in God alone (4:1-25). He quotes Genesis 15:6 “Abraham believed God and it was reckoned to Him as righteousness,” to support his claim that justification is by faith alone.

### **III. Righteousness Provided By God’s Grace: *Justification By Faith* (3:21–5:21)**

- A. Justification provided by grace through faith in Christ alone (3:21-31)
- B. Justification by faith alone illustrated through Abraham (4:1-25)

1. Abraham’s justification was apart from works (vv. 1-8)

\* David’s justification was apart from works (vv. 6-8)

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2. Abraham’s justification was prior to his circumcision (4:9-12)

3. Abraham’s justification was prior to the Law (4:13-15)

4. Abraham’s justification was by faith in God’s promise (4:16-25)

Applications:

1. We learn from this lesson that salvation is a gift of God’s grace through faith alone.
2. Second, we learn that divine delays strengthen our faith. Abraham trusted in God’s promise to give him a son, and his faith was reckoned unto him as righteousness.
3. Third, we learn that everyone who places their faith in God’s Son, Jesus Christ, becomes a spiritual descendant of Abraham. Are you trusting in Christ as your Savior?