

#10 By Faith Alone

Romans 4:1-12 (ESV)

Romans 4:1 – 12 *What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh?² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:⁷ "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;⁸ blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."⁹ Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness.¹⁰ How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised.¹¹ He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well,¹² and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.*

Both Are Justified By Faith, Jews And Gentiles!

Justification for the Jews

- A. Faith alone for **ABRAHAM**
- The story: Genesis 12:1-4, Genesis 13:14-18, Genesis 15:1-6, Genesis 17:1-8, Genesis 22:1-3
 - For what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.

B. Faith alone for **KING DAVID**

- The story: 2 Samuel 11, Psalm 32:1-5
- Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.

Justification for the Gentiles

A. Faith alone for **GENTILES**

- Abraham counted as righteous **BEFORE HE WAS CIRCUMCISED**
 - a. Genesis 15:4-6 God promises Abraham **AN HEIR** even though he was **CHILDLESS**
 - b. Genesis 16:16 Abraham was **86 YEARS OLD** when Ishmael was born
 - c. Genesis 17:24 Ishmael was **13 YEARS OLD** when Abraham and his household were circumcised
 - d. From the time of the promise to Abraham till he was circumcised was somewhere between **14-29 YEARS**

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law... the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe...

Have you been justified by faith alone?