

“Abraham - An Illustration of Justification by Faith”

Romans 4

Romans 4 is devoted to Abraham, whom Paul uses as an illustration, the supreme example, of the truths he has presented in Romans 1-3.

- I. Abraham was not justified by _____ (1-2)

- II. Abraham was justified by _____ (3-5)

- III. Abraham was not justified by _____ (9-12)
 - A. Circumcision was a _____ of God’s covenant (11a)
 - B. Circumcision was a _____ of God’s covenant (11b)

- IV. Abraham was not justified by the _____ (13-15)

- V. Abraham was justified by _____ (16-17)

- VI. Abraham was justified by _____ (18-25)

Am I _____ of God’s promises to me?

“God cannot but accept into His favor those who are invested with the righteousness of His own Son. While his wrath is revealed from heaven against all unrighteousness and ungodliness of men, His good pleasure is also revealed from heaven upon the righteousness of his well-beloved and only-begotten.”

- John Murray

- 1. Genesis 12:1-3 - God initiated His covenant when Abram was 60 years old.
- 2. Genesis 12:4-5 - Abram left Haran for Canaan at age 75.
- 3. Genesis 15 - God ratified His covenant with Abram and declared Abram righteous.
- 4. Genesis 16 - Ishmael was conceived and born when Abram was 86 years old.
- 5. Genesis 17 - God renewed His covenant with Abram, changed his name to Abraham, and introduced circumcision as the sign and seal of the covenant (cf. Rom. 4:11). Abraham was 99.
- 6. Genesis 21 - Isaac, the son of promise, was born. Abraham was 100 years old.