

Unashamed The Book of Romans

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Romans 4:13-25

Key Verses: “He (Abraham) did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. This is why his faith was counted to him as righteousness. **But the words ‘it was counted to him’ were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.” Romans 4:19-25**

REVIEW IT

Faith is defined as firm belief, trust, confidence, a spiritual understanding of divine truth apart from proof. Paul would agree, but he would and does emphasize that faith must be truly understood as the starting point for accepting the grace God has given us through Christ alone. Paul makes the strong point that if those who live by the law are heirs to the promise, that is if inheritance depends on our obedience, then faith has no value and the promise is worthless. Abraham was not justified by the law. Abraham was justified by faith. So are we. God does not justify us because of the good things we do. God justifies us because of our faith in Jesus Christ.

DISCUSS IT

Look up these verses on faith and talk about their importance:

Romans 1:17

1 John 5:4

2 Corinthians 5:7

1 Timothy 5:19

Ephesians 2:8

Hebrews 10:38

James 2:18

Hebrews 11:1

Based on what we have studied in Romans so far, why can no one be justified by keeping the law?

In Romans 4:13-15, how does Paul prove that Abraham was not saved by works?

Do you think we have any legitimate excuse before God to not believe?

PRAY IT

Dear Lord, I thank You and praise You for being a God who saves me through my faith in Christ. Thank you that Christ bore my sins and made intercession for me, a sinner. I pray that you would continue to do a work in me and make me more like Jesus. I pray that you would help my faith increase. In Jesus' name, Amen

APPLY IT

Ephesians 2:8-9 perfectly sums up Romans, Chapter 4. Take time to memorize it this week.