



TRANSFORMED

BY THE RENEWING

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 CIRCUMCISED¹³ FOR THE PROMISE TO ABRAHAM AND HIS OFFSPRING THAT HE WOULD BE HEIR OF THE WORLD DID NOT COME THROUGH THE LAW BUT THROUGH THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF FAITH.¹⁴ FOR IF IT IS THE ADHERENTS OF THE LAW WHO ARE TO BE THE HEIRS, FAITH IS NULL AND THE PROMISE IS VOID.

¹⁵ FOR THE LAW BRINGS WRATH, BUT WHERE THERE IS NO LAW THERE IS NO TRANSGRESSION. ¹⁶ **THAT IS WHY IT DEPENDS ON FAITH,** IN ORDER THAT THE PROMISE MAY **REST ON GRACE** AND BE **GUARANTEED** TO ALL **HIS OFFSPRING**—NOT ONLY TO THE ADHERENT OF THE LAW BUT ALSO TO THE **ONE WHO SHARES THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM,** WHO IS THE FATHER OF US ALL, ¹⁷ AS IT IS WRITTEN, “I HAVE MADE YOU THE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS”—IN THE PRESENCE OF THE GOD IN WHOM HE BELIEVED, WHO GIVES **LIFE** TO THE **DEAD** AND CALLS INTO **EXISTENCE** THE THINGS THAT DO NOT **EXIST.** ¹⁸ IN **HOPE** HE BELIEVED AGAINST **HOPE,**

THAT HE SHOULD BECOME **THE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS**,
AS HE HAD BEEN TOLD, **“SO SHALL YOUR OFFSPRING BE.”**

19 HE 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. 20 NO **UNBELIEF** MADE
HIM WAVER CONCERNING THE PROMISE OF GOD, **BUT HE**
GREW STRONG IN HIS FAITH AS HE GAVE GLORY TO GOD, 21
FULLY CONVINCED THAT GOD WAS ABLE TO DO WHAT HE
HAD PROMISED. 22 THAT IS WHY HIS FAITH WAS “COUNTED
TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

23 BUT THE WORDS “IT WAS COUNTED TO HIM” WERE NOT WRITTEN FOR HIS SAKE ALONE, 24 **BUT FOR OURS ALSO**. IT WILL BE COUNTED TO US WHO BELIEVE IN HIM WHO **RAISED** FROM THE **DEAD** JESUS OUR LORD, 25 WHO WAS **DELIVERED** UP FOR OUR TRESPASSES AND **RAISED** FOR OUR JUSTIFICATION.

ROMANS 4:1-25 ESV

νεκρός (NEKROS)

“DEAD, LIFELESS, POWERLESS”

ζωοποιέω (ZŌOPOIEŌ)

“TO MAKE ALIVE, TO GIVE LIFE”

NAME

THE NEKROS

REFUSE

“NEKROS RELIGION”

RECEIVE

ZŌOPOIEŌ (RESURRECTION LIFE)