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SCAN FOR RESOURCES

The Righteous Shall Live by Faith
Romans (1:16&17)

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the
power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,
first to the Jew, and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the
righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, just
as it is written: The righteous will live by faith.

Romans (3:27 – 4:25)

1. (3:27–31) Paul deals with boasting
2. (4:1–12) Paul uses David and Abraham to definitively address boasting while simultaneously exposing the foundational core of faith
3. (4:13–25) Paul applies Abraham's faith in the promise to our faith in the promise

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Romans 3:27–31

27 Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. By
what kind of law? By one of works? No, on
the contrary, by a law of faith. 28 For we
conclude that a person is justified by faith
apart from the works of the law.

Romans 3:27–31

[29]Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not
the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too,
[30]since there is one God who will justify the
circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised
through faith.

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[31]Do we then nullify the law through faith? Absolutely not! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

Romans 4:1–25

[1]What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found?

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[2]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 credited to
him for righteousness.

Romans 4:1–25

4 Now to the one who works, pay is not
credited as a gift, but as something owed.
5 But to the one who does not work, but
believes on him who justifies the ungodly, his
faith is credited for righteousness.

Romans 4:1–25

6 Likewise, David also speaks of the blessing of
the person to whom God credits righteousness
apart from works:

7 Blessed are those whose lawless acts are forgiven
and whose sins are covered.
8 Blessed is the person
the Lord will never charge with sin.

Romans 4:1–25

9 Is this blessing only for the circumcised,
then? Or is it also for the uncircumcised? For
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was circumcised, or uncircumcised? It was not
while he was circumcised, but uncircumcised.
11 And he received the sign of circumcision as a
seal of the righteousness that he had by faith
while still uncircumcised.

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who are of the law are heirs, faith is made empty and the
promise nullified, [15]because the law produces wrath. And
where there is no law, there is no transgression.

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16 This is why the promise is by faith, **so that it may be according to grace**, to guarantee it to all the descendants – not only to the one who is of the law but also to the one who is of Abraham's faith. He 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, **the one who gives life to the dead and calls things into existence that do not exist.**

Romans 4:1–25

[18]He believed, hoping against hope, so that he became the father of many nations according to what had been spoken: So will your descendants be. [19]He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body to be already dead (since he was about a hundred years old) and also the deadness of Sarah's womb.

Romans 4:1–25

[20]He did not waver in unbelief at God's promise but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, [21]because he was fully convinced that what God had promised, he was also able to do.

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22 Therefore, it was credited to him for righteousness.
23 **Now it was credited to him** was not written for
Abraham alone, 24 but also for us. **It will be credited to
us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord
from the dead.** 25 He was delivered up for our
trespasses and raised for our justification.

God and Salvation

- God justifies the ungodly (5)
- God's salvation is given according to grace (16)

2 Corinthians 5:20–21

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