



# RIGHT WITH GOD

GOSPEL LIFE: ROMANS SERIES: EPISODE 4 OF 16

Romans 4

## OUTLINE OF ROMANS

SIN (1–3). SALVATION (4–5) SANCTIFICATION (6–8)

SOVEREIGNTY (9–11) SERVICE (12–16)

### DEFINITIONS

- 1 SIN = FALLING SHORT OF GOD’S HOLY STANDARD.
- 2 TRUTH = WHATEVER GOD DECLARES TO BE REAL AND RIGHT.
- 3 JUSTIFICATION = DECLARED RIGHTEOUS BEFORE GOD.
- 4 REDEMPTION = A PRICE PAID TO RELEASE CAPTIVES.
- 5 PROPITIATION = WRATH FULLY SATISFIED.

### Summary

ROMANS 1 SAYS: 🖱️ THE REBELLIOUS ARE GUILTY.  
 ROMANS 2 SAYS: 🖱️ THE MORAL AND RELIGIOUS ARE GUILTY.  
 ROMANS 3 SAYS: 🖱️ EVERYONE IS GUILTY.  
 ROMANS 4 WILL SAY: 🖱️ THE GUILTY ONE WHO BELIEVES IS JUSTIFIED. 🖱️ RIGHTEOUSNESS IS CREDITED TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE.

HAS SALVATION ALWAYS BEEN BY FAITH?

### Section 1: Justified by Faith, Not Works 4:1–12

“What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter?” 4:1

“If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God.” 4:2

Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness. 4:3

**BELIEVED — HE TRUSTED.**

**CREDITED — AN ACCOUNTING TERM. RIGHTEOUSNESS WAS PLACED INTO HIS ACCOUNT.**

“Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. But to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.” 4:4-5

### JOURNAL ENTRY #1 — THE CROSS (OUR SIN TRANSFERRED TO CHRIST)

DATE	ACCOUNT	DEBIT	CREDIT
CALVARY	SIN LIABILITY (BELIEVER)		XXX
CALVARY	SIN BEARER – CHRIST	XXX	

🖱️ OUR SIN IS CREDITED TO CHRIST.

🖱️ HE ASSUMES THE LIABILITY.

🖱️ THIS IS SUBSTITUTION.

“He was delivered over to death for our sins.” Romans 4:25

### JOURNAL ENTRY #2 — JUSTIFICATION (CHRIST’S RIGHTEOUSNESS CREDITED TO US)

DATE	ACCOUNT	DEBIT	CREDIT
CONVERSION	RIGHTEOUSNESS – CHRIST		XXX
CONVERSION	RIGHTEOUSNESS – BELIEVER	XXX	

🖱️ HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS IS CREDITED TO US.

🖱️ WE ARE DECLARED RIGHTEOUS.

🖱️ THIS IS JUSTIFICATION.

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*“Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”* Romans 4:3

**JE #1 DEALS WITH SIN REMOVED.**

**JE #2 DEALS WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS ADDED.**

*“Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them.”* 4:7-8

*“He received circumcision as a sign, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised.”* 4:11

**Section 2: The Promise Rests on Grace 4:13–17**

*“It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise... but through the righteousness that comes by faith.”*  
4:13

*“For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring.”* 4:16

*As it is written: ‘I have made you a father of many nations.’* 4:17

☞ **GOD SPEAKS FUTURE REALITIES INTO PRESENT WEAKNESS.**

**Section 3: What Real Faith Looks Like 4:18–25**

*“Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed. Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead... and that Sarah’s womb was also dead.”* 4:18-19

*“Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God. Being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.”* 4:20-21

☞ **FAITH RESTS ON THE CHARACTER, POWER, AND PROMISE OF GOD.**

*“This is why ‘it was credited to him as righteousness.’”* 4:22

*“The words ‘it was credited to him’ were written not for him alone, but also for us.”* 4:23–24

*“He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.”* 4:25

**MAIN IDEA: ROMANS 4 MAKES IT CLEAR: THE ONLY RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT COUNTS IS THE ONE GOD CREDITS THROUGH FAITH.**

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