

WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH
Romans 4:1-12 (CSB)

1. The PURPOSE of Faith. (Vs 1-8)

What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? ²If Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about—but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him for righteousness. ⁴Now to the one who works, pay is not credited as a gift, but as something owed. ⁵But to the one who does not work, but believes on him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited for righteousness. ⁶Likewise, David also speaks of the blessing of the person to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: ⁷Blessed are those whose lawless acts are forgiven and whose sins are covered. ⁸Blessed is the person the Lord will never charge with sin.

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2. The PRODUCT of Faith. (Vs 9-12)

Is this blessing only for the circumcised, then? Or is it also for the uncircumcised? For we say, Faith was credited to Abraham for righteousness. ¹⁰In what way, then, was it credited—while he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? It was not while he was circumcised, but uncircumcised. ¹¹And he received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while still uncircumcised. This was to make him the father of all who believe but are not circumcised, so that righteousness may be credited to them also. ¹²And he became the father of the circumcised, who are not only circumcised but who also follow in the footsteps of the faith our father Abraham had while he was still uncircumcised.

Romans 4:9-12 (CSB)