



Romans 4:9-17

Abraham, Justified by Grace

- I. **Introduction:** Paul taught that Abraham was justified by grace, not by rituals or rules, showing that this has always been God's pattern of salvation.

- II. Abraham, Justified by Grace (**Rom 4:9-17**).
 - A. Not By Ritual (**vv. 9-12**).
 1. Paul proclaimed that Abraham was justified by faith before he was circumcised, demonstrating that His righteousness did not depend on this sign.

 - B. Not By Rules (**vv. 13-15**).
 1. Paul declared that Abraham was justified by trusting in God's promise, not by obeying the law, which serves only to expose sin and invite God's wrath.

 - C. But By Grace (**vv. 16-17**).
 1. Paul revealed that salvation is by God's grace through faith, because if it were earned, it would be impossible for man to attain it.

- III. **Conclusion:** Paul explains that God justifies sinners by His grace through faith alone, not by their rituals, nor by their obedience to the law.



Questions About: Abraham, Justified by Grace

1. Which Old Testament person is the focus of Romans 4? (**Rom 4:1-25**) How did Paul already prove that Abraham was saved by faith? (**Rom 4:1-8**) What Scripture proves this? (**Gen 15:6**)
2. How did Paul argue that salvation is by grace, not circumcision? (**Rom 4:9-12**) What was Paul's question about the blessing of forgiveness? (**v. 9**) How did he answer it? (**Gen 15:6**)
3. When did God justify Abraham, before or after he was circumcised? (**Rom 4:9-12**) Why is this an important question to answer? Why did Jews believe that circumcision earned God's favor?
4. How did Paul argue that salvation is by grace, not by law? (**Rom 4:13-15**) Why could Abraham not have been justified by it? How much later did the law come? (**Gal 3:15-18**)
5. Why did Paul say the law makes faith void? (**Rom 4:13-15**) What does the law bring about? (**v. 15; Gal 3:10**) How does God's law expose our sinfulness and guilt? (**Rom 5:20**)
6. How did Paul say that salvation is by grace through faith? (**Rom 4:16-17**) What does grace mean? (**v. 16**) How is Abraham a father to both Jews and Gentiles? (**v. 16**)
7. What Scripture did Paul quote to prove this point? (**Rom 4:17; Gen 17:5**) How did God give life to the dead in regard to Abraham? (**Heb 11:11-12**) How old was Abraham? (**Gen 18:1-15**)
8. How did God create a whole nation out of nothing? (**Rom 4:17**) How does God raise dead sinners to life? (**Eph 2:1-3; 2 Cor 5:17**) Have you been saved by faith in Jesus?

Prayer

1. Pray that God would help you see that He saves sinners not by rituals or the law.
2. Ask God to help you show others that forgiveness can be found in Jesus by His grace.