



## **Romans 4:18-25**

### Salvation By Divine Power

- I. **Introduction:** Paul taught that God's saving power justified Abraham as an example for us that whoever believes in His promises will be saved.
  
- II. Salvation By Divine Power (**Rom 4:18-25**).
  - A. The Analysis of Faith (**vv. 18-19**).
    1. Paul taught that Abraham believed God's promise of making him a nation, trusting that God could accomplish what was humanly impossible.
  
  - B. The Answer of Faith (**vv. 20-22**).
    1. Paul declared that Abraham was justified by believing in God's promises because he learned that the Lord could be trusted in all He does.
  
  - C. The Application of Faith (**vv. 23-25**).
    1. Paul revealed that salvation was credited to Abraham not only for his own sake, but so that every person might believe in Jesus and receive eternal life.
  
- III. **Conclusion:** Paul explains that God justifies sinners by His supernatural power, just as He showed through the resurrection of Jesus.



## Questions About: Salvation By Divine Power

1. Which Old Testament person is the focus of Romans 4? (**Rom 4:1-25**) How did Paul already prove Abraham was saved by faith? (**Rom 4:1-17**) What Scripture did he use? (**Gen 15:6**)
2. What did God promise Abraham? (**Gen 15:5; Rom 4:18-19**) What does it mean that Abraham believed “in hope against hope”? (**v. 18**) How is biblical hope different from wishful thinking?
3. What does it mean that Abraham considered his own body “as good as dead”? (**Rom 4:19**) How long had he been waiting on God? (**v. 19**) How did he try to help God? (**Gen 16:1-16**)
4. How did Abraham respond to God’s promises? (**Rom 4:20-22**) What does it mean that Abraham “did not waver” in unbelief? (**v. 20**) How does faith give glory to God? (**v. 20**)
5. How did God strengthen Abraham’s faith? (**Rom 4:20**) How do truths about God’s character strengthen our faith? How does this passage help us define faith? (**Rom 4:21**)
6. How are we to apply faith to our lives? (**Rom 4:23-25**) What does that tell us about how to read the Old Testament? What must a person believe in order to be saved? (**Rom 4:24**)
7. What does it mean that Jesus was “delivered over for our transgressions”? (**Rom 4:25**) Why is the resurrection necessary for salvation? (**v. 25**) What does the resurrection prove? (**v. 25**)
8. Are you trusting in Jesus for your salvation? Do you truly believe that God can bring life out of death? When your faith feels weak, where do you typically look for strength?

### Prayer

1. Pray that God would help you grow in your faith and become confident in His promises.
2. Ask God to help you understand the radical nature of your salvation from sin.