

Paul's Letter to the Romans: Pursuing Righteousness from God
"Being Justified By Faith, Like Abraham"

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Romans 4:1-3

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- A. Did you know that you can trace your lineage back _____ centuries, to a man who lived more than _____ years before the birth of Jesus?
- B. We notice how nicely the topics mentioned in 3:37-31 _____ those taken up in Romans _____.
- C. Let's summarize the important points of 3:27-31:
1. In being justified by faith, _____ is excluded.
 2. In being justified by faith, _____ between people are rejected.
 3. In being justified by faith, the _____ is upheld.
- D. In chapter 4, Paul makes a surprising argument: Justification by faith apart from the law is _____.
- E. _____ is the perfect case study in justification by faith apart from law.
- F. We need to underline the words "it was _____ to him as righteousness."
- G. Paul used a very practical analogy: If I _____, I get _____.
- H. Do you realize how radical is the statement: "believes in him who justifies the _____"?
- I. Paul's point in employing the words of David from Psalm 32 is to say that the people who are blessed are not those who have _____ something from God, but those who have _____ something from God.
- J. Paul raised the question: is the "blessedness" that David experienced only available to the _____?
- K. Paul reveals that the answer to that question is located in the experience of _____.
- L. Was Abraham made right with God _____ or _____ his circumcision?
- M. Abraham's timeline:
1. Gen. 12 - Abraham (age _____) - received call and promise from God.
 2. Gen. 15 - God renewed the promise, and Abraham believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness.
 3. Gen. 16 - Abraham (age _____) tried to help God by producing an heir through Hagar rather than through Sarah.
 4. Gen. 17 - Abraham (age _____) was circumcised.
- N. Because Abraham was justified by faith _____ he was circumcised, he is the father of all who believe without being circumcised – making him our _____.
- O. The Gospel message in three sentences: What God requires, we don't have. What we don't have, _____ has provided. What Jesus has provided, we receive by _____.
- P. God offers the free gift of His _____, to who _____ and _____ it.

Answer Key: A. 39, 1900. B. mirror, 4. C.1. boasting. C.2. distinctions. C.3. Law. D. nothing, new. E. Abraham. F. counted. G. work, paid. H. ungodly. I. earned, received. J. circumcised. K. Abraham. L. before, after. M.1. 75. M.2. 86. M.3. 99. N. before, father. O. Jesus, faith. P. grace, believe, receive.