

**GOD'S POWER
FOR SALVATION**



ROMANS

Romans 3:21-24, 28

But now the righteousness of God has been revealed to us apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

Romans 3:21-24, 28

For there is no distinction [between Jews and Gentiles], for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:21-24, 28

For we hold that people are justified
by faith apart from the works of the law.

**We are justified by faith apart
from religious rules and rituals.**

You have to understand the chronology of Abraham's life to understand the theology that Paul is trying to communicate.

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GEN 12

**THE
CALL**

**"GO FROM
YOUR COUNTRY
...TO THE
LAND I WILL
SHOW YOU."**

75 YEARS OLD

ABRAHAM'S STORY

GEN 12	GEN 15
THE CALL	THE PROMISE
"GO FROM YOUR COUNTRY ...TO THE LAND I WILL SHOW YOU."	"COUNT THE STARS... SO SHALL YOUR OFFSPRING BE."
75 YEARS OLD	80 YEARS OLD

ABRAHAM'S STORY

GEN 12	GEN 15	GEN 17
THE CALL	THE PROMISE	THE COVENANT
"GO FROM YOUR COUNTRY ...TO THE LAND I WILL SHOW YOU."	"COUNT THE STARS... SO SHALL YOUR OFFSPRING BE."	"THEN I WILL MAKE MY COVENANT BETWEEN ME AND YOU AND WILL GREATLY INCREASE YOUR NUMBERS."
75 YEARS OLD	80 YEARS OLD	99 YEARS OLD

ABRAHAM'S STORY

GEN 12	GEN 15	GEN 17	GEN 21
THE CALL	THE PROMISE	THE COVENANT	BIRTH OF ISAAC
"GO FROM YOUR COUNTRY ...TO THE LAND I WILL SHOW YOU."	"COUNT THE STARS... SO SHALL YOUR OFFSPRING BE."	"THEN I WILL MAKE MY COVENANT BETWEEN ME AND YOU AND WILL GREATLY INCREASE YOUR NUMBERS."	"SARAH... BORE A SON TO ABRAHAM IN HIS OLD AGE, AT THE VERY TIME GOD HAD PROMISED HIM."
75 YEARS OLD	80 YEARS OLD	99 YEARS OLD	100 YEARS OLD

"Credited" or "Counted"
shows up in Romans 4:

Verses 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 22, 23, 24

**If salvation is something
we work for, then it is
something God owes us.**

Works is about
earning and deserving.

Grace is about
believing and receiving.

Three Points

1. To whom does God credit righteousness?

To the one who does not work for it (Romans 4:5).

To the one who does not work
but trusts God who justifies
the ungodly, their faith is
credited as righteousness.

Three Points

2. To whom does God credit righteousness?

Ungodly people.

To those who do not work
but trusts him who justifies
the ungodly, their faith is
credited as righteousness.

Three Points

3. What is the result of credited righteousness?

Sins are not counted

(Romans 4:7-8).

Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven and whose sins are covered; blessed is the one who sins against the Lord will never count against them.

**Don't make *salvation* more
difficult than God makes it.**

Summary

**Abraham was a Gentile when
God called him (Gen 12).**

Summary

Abraham believed God's promise (Gen 15) before he was circumcised (Gen 17).

Summary

Abraham was "credited with righteousness" when he was an ungodly Gentile.

Therefore: If Abraham was "credited with righteousness" apart from obedience to the law of Moses and apart from being circumcised, then the same grace is available to everyone who believes.

All people are justified by grace by through faith in Jesus Christ.

**Conclusion: Abraham is the father
of both believing Jews and Gentiles.
So, believing the Gospel unites people
from all kinds of backgrounds.**

Romans 4:11

So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them.

Romans 4:16

Therefore, the promise comes by faith,
so that it may be by grace and may be
guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring.

**Therefore, the promise comes by faith,
so that it may be by grace and may be
guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not
only to those who are of the law but also to
those who have the faith of Abraham.**

He is the father of us all.