

**Sermon Series: Romans**

**Sermon Text:** Romans 4:1-12 Divine Reckoning of Grace

**God's reckoning of righteousness is a gift received only by faith.**

**1) In God's reckoning Abraham receives righteousness by faith.**

- a) Jewish traditions of Abraham's faithfulness/obedience
- b) Not even Abraham can receive righteousness as wages for his work.
- c) Even Abraham must receive righteousness as a gift from God's grace. (Genesis 15:6)
  - i) God is Abraham's shield and reward (Genesis 15:1-2)
  - ii) God cut a covenant with Abraham unilaterally (Genesis 15:9-21)

**2) In God's reckoning David receives righteousness by forgiveness.**

- a) Not even David can receive righteousness as wages for his work.
- b) Even David must receive righteousness as a gift from God's grace.
- c) Blessedness of righteousness (Psalm 32:1-2)
- d) Blessedness of forgiveness

**3) In God's reckoning you are blessed with righteousness by grace through faith.**

- a) Abraham was declared righteous before he was given the sign of circumcision to show that Gentiles can be justified by having the same faith as Abraham.
- b) God's Covenant Seal of the Gift of Righteousness--circumcision
- c) Father Abraham—Jews and Gentiles one people justified by grace through faith in Christ
- d) **Application:**
  - i) Salvation by Grace Alone
    - (1) For the Glory of God's Grace
    - (2) For the Humility of Believers
  - ii) Justification by Faith Alone
    - (1) For the Glory of Christ's Work
    - (2) For the Assurance of Peace with God
  - iii) Scripture Alone as Final Authority
    - (1) For Faith and Practice
    - (2) For Polemics and Apologetics: Contending for the Faith
    - (3) For Missions and Evangelism

**Doxology:** You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance! Psalm 32:7