

**Abraham: Illustrating Faith**  
**Romans 4**  
**April 10, 2022**

Paul has proclaimed the universal need for the gospel.

Paul has explained the gospel. A righteousness from God apart from the law has been revealed, we received this gift by faith.

Paul now illustrates this justification by faith and proves it from the life of Abraham.

What is this faith that saves?

**What does Faith Gain?**

The righteousness of God offered in the gospel.  
Faith makes one righteous, not works. (v 1-8)

Which comes first, faith, works, or righteousness?

I received an Email from an African Diplomat.

What if it were true?

Faith makes righteous because God credits righteousness to our account.

**Where does Faith Prosper? In the form of religion.**

Faith profits from the form of religion, but the form cannot replace faith. (v 9-12)

Abraham believed **before** he received the forms of faith.

Some blessings from the form of religion.

A Christian home and a Bible believing church are an incredible blessing.

Yet, the form of religion cannot replace faith.

The teaching trench.

**What does Faith do?**

It activates the promises, not mere obedience. (v 13 - 17)

It is not **mere obedience** that opens the door of promise, but true faith in the God of the promise.

**Who does Faith imitate? Abraham**

What characterizes Abraham's faith?  
Faith trusts God in spite of the circumstances. (V 18-25)

Who is bigger, God or your circumstances?

Are we God's fair weather friends?

Some have great faith, but no sure promise of God.

Search the Scriptures for the promises of God and activate them by faith.

Faith is taking God at His Word. And standing there.