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THE RESURRECTION

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*matters for you*

Romans 4

## **PHASE 1—WHY FAITH?**

The need for faith in Jesus.

## **PHASE 2—WHAT IS FAITH?**

The power of faith in Jesus.

## **PHASE 3—TRUST.**

The challenge to trust Jesus.

# PHASE 1—WHY FAITH?

In Romans 1–3 Paul explains that...

- All sinners face God's wrath (1:18), whether irreligious sinners (ch. 1) or very religious sinners (ch. 2).
- Every human is unrighteous (3:9-10), and no one can do enough good to make God clear their guilt (3:20).
- The only way anyone can be cleared of guilt is if God gives them righteousness (3:22) through faith in Jesus's sacrifice (3:25-26).

## PHASE 2—WHAT IS FAITH?

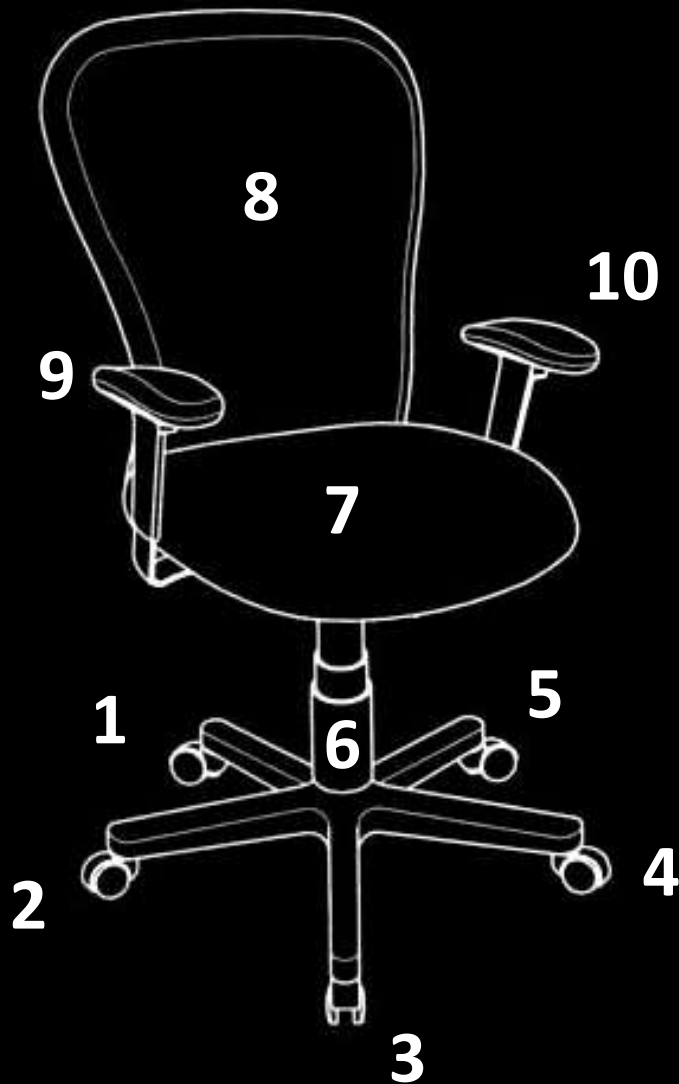
In Romans 4 Paul teaches that...

- God credits sinners (like Abraham and David) with righteousness on the basis of their faith, not on the basis of their works.
- In verses 18-21 Paul defines faith as persevering conviction in God's promises about the blessings that will come to the world through Abraham's offspring.

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*God justifies everyone who trusts in Jesus.*

# PHASE 3—TRUST.



- 1** *The Bible's God*
- 2** *The Bible's Claim*
- 3** *The Bible's Morality*
- 4** *The Bible's Grace*
- 5** *The Bible's Prophecy*
- 6** *The Bible's Hero*
- 7** *The Bible's Greatest Events*
- 8** *The Bible's Int'l Spread*
- 9** *The Bible's Perspective*
- 10** *The Bible's Power*

Now this wonderful truth—that God declared him to be righteous—wasn't just for Abraham's benefit. It was for us, too, assuring us that God will also declare us to be righteous if we believe in God, who brought Jesus our Lord back from the dead. He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised from the dead to make us right with God.

— Romans 4:23-25 NLT