

## **Bible Study — Romans 4:1-12**

### **I. Introduction**

#### A. Recap from Last Week

1. The Heart of the Issue — ***Justified by faith apart from works of the law***
2. This is the “classic” or “historical” (Reformed) understanding of **Salvation**

#### B. Two Views that “Push Back” on the Classic Understanding of Justification

##### I. The New Perspective on Paul (NPP)

- a) From the OPC’s “Report on Justification” regarding the NPP
- b) “When we summarize Paul’s doctrine of justification as it comes from the pen of Wright, and similarly from Dunn, we must recognize that it rotates upon the axis of ecclesiology. Justification is the declaration of who belongs to the covenant people of God in the present, those who are righteous or members of the covenant, who are marked out by faith, not works of the law like circumcision, food laws, and Sabbath. It is also the anticipation in the present of what will happen in the future at the final day. Present justification is on the basis of faith, understood as faithful obedience, which anticipates future justification on the basis of the Spirit-produced works of the believer.”

##### 2. Dispensationalism

#### C. Paul’s Argument in **Romans 3:27-31** will be Demonstrated in **Romans 4:1-12**

#### D. **Romans 4:1-12 — Abraham Justified by Faith**

### **II. Abraham Justified by Faith (Romans 4:1-12)**

#### A. Abraham justified by faith just like we are — **Romans 4:1-5**

#### B. David confirms this fact— **Romans 4:6-8**

#### C. Circumcision has nothing to do with Justification — **Romans 4:9-12**

### **III. Conclusion**