

## 4:18-25 Gleanings from Abraham

- **Principle #1** Life is a walk of faith (v 18-22)
  - V18 God declared it, "So shall it be"
  
  - V19-20 Abe believed it without wavering!
  
  - BUT was strengthened and glorified God  
(Heb 11:8-18)
  
- **Principle #2** This is documented for US!!! (v 23-25)
  - for us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. (Romans 15:1-4)
  
  - Delivered to death for our sins and raised for our Justification. (Romans 3:21-24)

Promise received, Now What?

## Two Testimonies Romans 4 (Page 784)

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**The question raised in 3:31**, "Does faith then nullify the Law?" Have we lived by the Law to no avail? **No Way**. The Law was instituted and fulfilled its purpose not to justify but to reveal the path to justification by grace through faith.

### Two Testimonies:

The Friend of God and The Man after the Heart of God  
(James 2:23; 1 Sam 13:14; Acts 13:22)

4:1-3 **Abraham**: Faith righteousness removes the human elements of Pride and Works.

4:3 What does Scripture say? Abraham believed God and credited to him, Righteousness.  
Imputed/credited

**Our opinions don't count. What does God Say?**

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## Works and Faith Contrasted

4:4-8 Paul says, "Let Me Illustrate"

1. V4 Earnings are an obligation to you.
2. V5 Credit w/o work is a gift and can't be earned.

V6-8 David: Righteousness is Apart from works

Both Abraham and David testify salvation is by faith. We're all in the same boat! No favorites

**Paul analyzes Abraham's testimony!** (v 4:9-17)

**Two Questions:** (v 9-11). I ask you:

- 1) 4:9 Is blessing only for the Jew or Gentile also?
- 2) 4:10-11a Under what circumstances was credit given
  - a) Before or after Circumcision

b) Simple guideline to Biblical Interpretation:

i) Careful that your prejudices don't become your precepts

c) V11a He received the declaration as "Righteous" before as a gentile by faith while still uncircumcised. He was sealed because of Faith righteousness (Romans 2:29). Not the outward sign but of the heart, God sees the heart. (1 Samuel 16:7)

V11b-12 SO THEN the father of all who believe sets The Principle: Righteousness is Credited, Imputed, counted, reckoned to all who believe, Jew or Gentile. (v 12b) We must walk in footsteps of faith.

- V13-16 The Promise comes from God. The promise comes by faith and is guaranteed to all who believe. NO FINE PRINT!
- V14 Living by Law (works) Negates faith!
- V15 The Law brings wrath, reveals transgression (Galatians 3:24, 25)

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