

*Justification Found Through The Gospel, Not The Law of Moses – 3:21-8:39*

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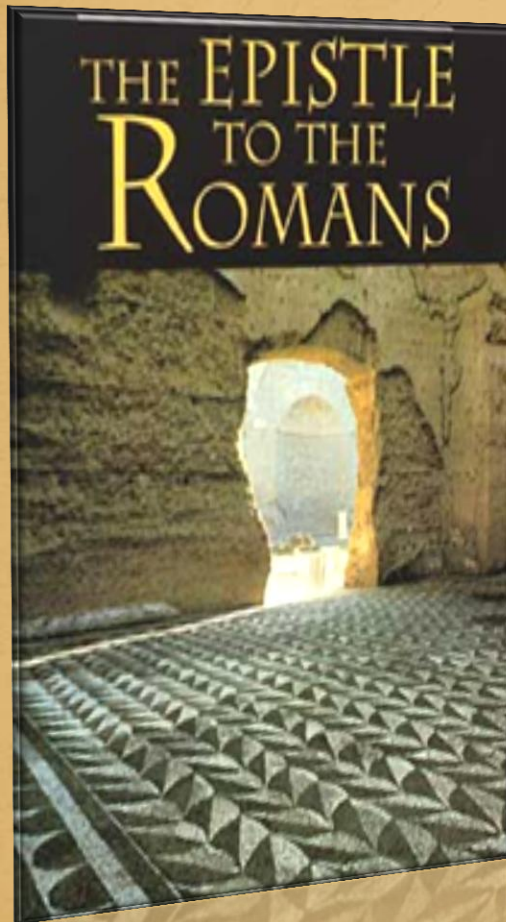
Romans 3:21-4:25

*Lesson 4*

**The Righteousness of God –**  
Not By The Law - But In Christ



# **The Gospel** – God's Power To Save Man



- ✦ **The Gospel of Christ is the ONLY hope for sinful man – (1:16,17; 3:21-23)**
- ✦ **The sinful condition of the whole world and its need for salvation – (1:18-3:20)**
- ✦ **All are justified by faith apart from the law – (3:21 - 7:25)**
- ✦ **In this study we will see the proposition stated and OT examples given – (3:21 - 4:25)**

# **The Gospel – God's Righteousness Revealed**

## **The Proposition Stated - 3:21-31**



- ✦ **The righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed (21)**
- ✦ **Found ONLY through faith in Christ & is available to all (22)**
- ✦ **All have sinned – therefore justification is by grace (23,24)**
- ✦ **Made possible by the giving of God's Son - Jesus (25-26)**
- ✦ **The Law of Faith excludes boasting (27-31)**



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## **Old Testament Examples – 4:1-25**



### **Abraham**

- ✦ **What is discovered by examining the justification of the physical forefather of the Jews - (4:1; John 8:39)**
- ✦ **Abraham was not justified by boastful works – (4:2; Eph. 2:8.9)**
- ✦ **Abraham was not righteous because he deserved it – rather he “believed God” and was COUNTED as righteous – (4:3; Gen. 15:6; Gal. 3:6; James 2:23)**

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- ✦ **Paul clearly defines the type of works under consideration - (4:4; 3:27,28; 9:32; 11:6; Gal. 3:10-12)**
- ✦ **“Works” is not referring to humble submission to God’s stated will – (4:5; 6:16-18; Mt. 7:21-23)**
- ✦ **The system by which men are justified depends on “forgiveness” not “merit”– (4:6-8; Ps. 32:1,2; Acts 2:38; Col 2:12-14)**



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- ✦ **Can Gentiles receive this blessedness? (4:9; 3:29,30; 9:24; 10:12,13; 15:8-19; Gal. 3:14,26-28)**
- ✦ **Abraham was counted as righteous before the giving of circumcision – (4:10-12,15; Gen. 15:6; 17:10)**
- ✦ **Promise of righteousness not through the Law but through faith – (4:13-18; Gal. 3:16-29)**
- ✦ **We must have the same kind of faith as Abraham – (4:12-18; John 8:39,40)**

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### **Abraham's Faith exemplified**

- ✦ **Not weak – but strong – believing that with God the impossible is possible – (4:19,20)**
- ✦ **Abraham was FULLY convinced that God was not only able to keep His promises – but that He would – (4:20-21; Gen. 18:14; Mat. 19:26; Luke 1:37; 2 Tim 1:12; Heb. 11:13)**
- ✦ **Therefore it was accounted to Him for righteousness – (4:22)**



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### **Recorded For Us**

- ✦ **Men are “counted righteous” today by the same principle – if we believe on God who raised the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead - (4:23,24; Rom. 10:9-17; Mk 16:16; Acts 2:22-38)**
- ✦ **Jesus died because of our sins and was raised for our justification – (4:25; 3:25; 5:6-8; 8:3; Is. 53:5,6,10-12; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 1:4; 3:13)**





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### **Romans 4:12 (NKJV)**

and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised.

**Genesis 12:4**  
**Hebrews 11:8**

**Genesis 15:6**  
**Romans 4:1-4,12**

**Genesis 13:4**  
**Hebrews 11:9**

**Genesis 22:3,12,16,18**  
**James 2:21-25**

# God's Means of Making Men Righteous Is Not By The Law – But Through The Gospel

## **Romans 1:16,17**

<sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup>For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."







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