

**BOOK OF ROMANS
LESSON 3**

WORKSHEET

READ CHAPTER 4:

1. Verses 1-3

“What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ² If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³ What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”^l

We are still discussing justification according to works or by faith. If Abraham was justified by works, who could he boast to? Why not to God?

2. Verses 4-5

“Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. ⁵ However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.”

When we work our wages are not a gift but an obligation from the employer to the employee. It is something we have earned. This is in contrast with the very essence of grace. What is the definition of Grace? What can we learn about what pleases God in this verse? What does God credit as righteousness?

Grace:

3. In verse 9, Paul asks a question that point us right back to the debate between Jew and Gentile believer.

“Is this blessedness only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised?”

So, what then did circumcision represent? Was it something to be done to attain righteousness?

4. Verse 15: ¹⁵because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

What does this mean?

5. What does verse 21 reveal about Abraham’s faith? Why is this important?

6. As we finish this chapter Paul’s takes Abraham’s faith and extends its effect all the way to the end of the age. How? Why does this matter?

7. So how do we summarize the gospel message that Paul has laid out in Chapters 1-4? Let's take a minute and do just that:

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