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# ROMANS

Rom. 4

**FAITH RIGHTEOUSNESS**

# FAITH CREDITED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS (Rom. 4)

1. **Impute/Reckon/Account/Counted** are all the same work in the Greek--logizomai
2. **We are told that Abraham's faith was counted/imputed/reckoned for righteousness (Rom. 4:5)**
3. **If I owe \$1,000,000 and have no way to pay it, I will be under the banker's wrath. The only way to escape his wrath is for someone else to pay it, and they can do it in two different ways.**
4. **First, they could put a million dollars into my account so that I can pay the banker.**
5. **Or they can put my name on their account, giving me access to their riches to use in approved ways.**



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- 6. In crediting our faith for righteousness, God doesn't make us inherently righteous in ourselves. Rather He brings us into Christ's righteousness, and it is there and there only that we participate in Christ's right standing before God.**
  - a. The idea is not that God places some of His righteousness into our account, making us righteous in ourselves thereby able to stand before God.**
  - b. Rather, the idea is that God places the believing sinner in Christ the Righteous One, making us the "righteousness of God in Christ."**
- 7. There is a big difference between "being righteous" (in ourselves) and being the "righteousness of God" (in Christ). 2 Cor. 5:21.**
- 8. When you add the 'ness' suffix to an adjective you form an abstract noun denoting state or quality, and by extension something exemplifying a state or quality.**

**--Example of 'happiness.'**
- 9. When we are made the "righteousness of God in Christ," it does not mean we are made righteous.**

**--It means that God uses what He has done with us in Christ to display that He is righteous.**

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- 10. To credit/impute Abraham's faith for righteousness is for God to declare that He has placed unrighteous Abraham in a state of righteousness before Him on the basis of faith.**
  
- 11. This is not accomplished through the works of the sinner, not even the works of the Law, but through the Faith of Christ, His redemptive work on the Cross, by Grace and Faith. (Rom. 3:21-26; 4:4-5)**
  
- 12. Rom. 2:26: Here God says that if the uncircumcision keeps the righteousness of the Law then He would impute/account/reckon him even though he was really in uncircumcision as though he were in a state of circumcision.**
  - a. In doing this, the man doesn't actually become physically circumcised in the flesh.**
  - b. Rather, it is that even though the man is physically uncircumcised, God would reckon him as being in a state of circumcision (even though he is inherently not).**

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- 13. Rom. 4:8: Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute/reckon/account sin (note sin is in the singular).**
  - a. The idea is not that God is not putting the substance of the man's sins into his account.**
  - b. The idea is that God is not accounting him (a sinner) as being in a state of sin.**
  
- 14. Rom. 4:5: So when Paul says Abraham's faith was counted/reckoned/imputed for righteousness:**
  - a. The idea is not that God is putting some substance called righteousness into Abraham the sinner's account thereby making him righteous.**
  - b. The idea is that even though Abraham the sinner has no righteousness of his own (is unrighteous), God accounts him as being in a state of righteousness before Him on the basis of faith.**
  
- 15. This is so for Abraham because he believed God's promise to him about giving him progeny and making him the father of many nations.**
  - God could pass over and leave unpunished the sin/s of Abraham because he knew that they would be dealt with by Christ's redemptive work on the Cross. (Rom. 3:21-26)**

# TIMELINE OF ABRAM/ABRAHAM'S LIVE

RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN (SPIRITUALLY) SAVING HIS ENEMIES BECAUSE HE HAS NO FRIENDS

RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN (PHYSICAL) SAVING FRIENDS AND DESTROYING ENEMIES

75 yrs.

82 yrs.

84-85 yrs.

99 yrs.

100 yrs

123 yrs.

God calls and makes promises to Abram

God confirms the promise of an heir and inheritance of the land of Canaan, then solidifies all into a Covenant.

Abraham, the Friend of God, beginning faith-based obedience--Right. of God in saving friends and destroying enemies.

Gen. 12

Gen. 13:14-17

Gen. 15:1-19

Rom. 4:3-5

Gen. 17:4-14

Rom. 4:9-12;17-22

Gen. 18

Gen. 22:15-18

Rom. 4:13-16

Moses/Law

Promise of the Land of Canaan

Named Abraham—Father of many nations. God narrows focus to physical progeny and Circumcision was made the seal.

The land inheritance is extended to the whole earth.