

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN THE WORLD!

# ROMANS

Rom. 4

**FAITH RIGHTEOUSNESS**

# **FAITH CREDITED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS (Rom. 4)**

- 1. In Rom. 4, Paul uses something from Israel's Prophetic Program to "witness" to an aspect of the Mystery Revelation God gave to the Apostle Paul.**
- 2. In Romans 4, Paul is talking about the many/multiplied "seed" of Abraham, the "heirs" of the promise that Abraham and his seed (many) would inherit the world—ie., his physical descendants through the line of Isaac that formed the nation of Israel. (Rom. 4:1, 14, 16-18).**
- 3. This passage is not about the replacement of Abraham's physical seed (national Israel) with his spiritual seed (Body of Christ). It is not about the Body of Christ, replacing the Nation of Israel spiritually or any other such nonsense theologians come up with.**
- 4. This passage explains that this BUT NOW Righteousness of God in saving His enemies based on the redemptive work of Christ on the Cross that is now being manifested through the Apostleship of Paul is not only the basis of the Body of Christ's Mystery Program but it was also the basis for Israel's Prophetic Program..**

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- 5. Israel's Prophetic Program manifested the Righteousness in saving His friends and destroying His enemies. But this begs the question: How does one become a friend so that he or she can participate in the righteousness? (Job 25:4)**
- 6. It is not until the revelation God gave to Paul that the answer is disclosed—the Good News of the Death of Christ—which Paul will bring to the forefront in Romans 5 after he has dismissed the Law and the Prophets from the witness box.**
- 7. Romans 4 explains that the BUT NOW Righteousness of God in (spiritually) saving ungodly sinners on enemy status before Him unto eternal life pre-dates the Mosaic Law, the formation of the nation of Israel, circumcision and even the Abrahamic Covenant (Rom. 4; Rom. 5).**
- 8. You don't have to go beyond the history covered in Rom. 4 to find the people Paul is talking about. Abraham's life plays out every human eventuality.**

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- 9. If this righteousness came by works, then not only David but Abraham himself would be excluded because he was saved while an ungodly sinner on enemy status before God (Rom. 3:23; 4:1-5; Joshua 24:2).  
--Therefore, justification must be based on faith and grace not works and debt (Rom. 3:27-28; 4:4-5).**
  
- 10. If this righteousness came by being in circumcision, then Abraham and the numerous people who associated with him in faith (Gen. 13:2; 24:35) from the time he believed to the giving of circumcision--about 15 years--would have been excluded (Rom. 4:9-10).  
--The primary thing isn't being circumcised but being in faith (4:11-12).  
--Therefore, justification must be apart from circumcision.**

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- 11. If this righteousness came by having the Law then Abraham and all those associated with him in faith until the giving of the Law—about 430 yrs—would be excluded from the promise, including Isaac and Jacob and the 12 tribes of Israel! (Rom. 4:13).**
- 12. If this righteousness came by the Law then whole covenant system with its promises would be nullified because Israel after 1500 yrs. under the Law was unable to keep it and only came under its curses. (Rom. 4:14-15).**
- 13. Therefore, Faith/Grace Righteousness was the basis of Israel's prophetic program Rom. 4:16)**
- 14. Even in Israel's prophetic program with its display of God's Righteousness in (Physically/Materially) Saving His Friends and Destroying His Enemies was based on the Righteousness of God revealed to and through the Apostle Paul—the Righteousness of God in (Spiritually) Saving His Enemies Before He Has Any Friends.**

# 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

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.

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- 15. Faith Righteousness--without works, circumcision, and the Law--is the only source of hope for anyone associated with Israel and her Prophetic Program by faith (Rom. 4:17-18a).**
  
- 16. Faith Righteousness--without works, circumcision and the Law--is the only way anyone associated in faith with Israel's Prophetic Program can glorify God (Rom. 18b-22).**
  
- 17. And Faith Righteousness--without works, circumcision and the Law--is the only source of hope and the only way to glorify God today—Romans 5.**