

Paul's Epistle to the ROMANS

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“How Good Is Your Credit” Romans 4:4-12



Introduction:

4:2-8 - not through *mitzvot* (commandments)

4:9-12 - not through *brit* (circumcision)

4:13-15 - not through *torah* (the Law)

I. THE TESTIMONY OF DAVID (vs. 4-8)

A. Summary from Before (vs. 4-5)

“now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due”

“but to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly...”

“his faith is credited as righteousness” (not by work, but by gift)

Philemon 18-19

B. Salvation Freely Bestowed (vs. 6)

“just as David also speaks”

“of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works”

C. Sin Forever Banished (vs. 7-8)

“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN

“AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED.”

“BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT.”

II. THE TESTIMONY OF ABRAHAM (vs. 9-12)

A. The Question (vs. 9-10a)

“Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also?”

“For we say, ‘FAITH WAS CREDITED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.’

“How then was it credited? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised?”

B. The Answer (vs. 10b)

“not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised”

C. The Elaboration (vs. 11-12)

“and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised”

“so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised”

“that righteousness might be credited to them”

“and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision...”

Genesis 17:9-14

Romans 2:28-29

“...but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised”

Conclusion:

- 1) Right standing before God is obtained freely by God's grace.
- 2) There is a judicial base for the exercise of God's mercy.
- 3) Attaining righteousness by grace is a gift through faith.