

Faith That Will Count as Righteousness

(Romans 4)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

A. The argument made by Paul in *Romans 4* is couched between two bookends:

1. *Romans 3:21-31* — we are justified by God's grace as a gift through Christ Jesus.
2. *Romans 5:1-2* — we have been justified by faith and enjoy peace with God through Jesus.

B. *Romans 4* is Paul's argument concerning justification apart from the law using Abraham and

David as the foundation for his bold assertions. His conclusion? Faith was the basis of acceptance with God before the coming of the law and after it arrived.

I. Righteousness by faith established by the _____ of _____ (4:1-5)

II. Righteousness by faith established by the _____ of _____ (4:6-8)

III. Righteousness by faith established as being _____ of _____ (4:9-12)

IV. Righteousness by faith established as being _____ of _____ (4:13-25)