

Unashamed: We are Saved by Grace through Faith – Romans 4

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“Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.” Romans 4:16

Chapter 1 – The power of God for salvation yet many deny God’s existence though He is clearly evident.

Chapter 2 – Others acknowledge God yet are hypocritical in their self-righteousness.

Chapter 3 – All have sinned and need salvation.

The progression of salvation

- We are saved = Justified
- We are being saved = Sanctification
- We will be saved = Eternal life

Defining important terms

- Justification – legal declaration of righteousness.
- Faith – Being sure of what we hope for, certain of what we don’t see.
- Grace – God’s riches at Christ’s expense.
- Credited – in accounting, to credit to one’s account

Saved by grace through faith: The example of Abraham

- We are saved by faith not works. Vs1-8

“To the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.”
Vs 5

- We are saved by faith not the law. Vs 9-17

“It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.” Vs 13

- We are saved by resurrection power not human effort. Vs 18-25

“The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, but also for us to whom God will credit righteousness – for us who believe in Him who raised Jesus from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our righteousness.” Vs 23-25

“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...”
Romans 1:16

