

“Father Abraham”

An Illustration of Justification
in Romans 4

“A Blast from the Past”

Romans 4:23-25 Listen & Learn!

Universal application of Scripture:

If Abraham was justified by faith alone,
then so are we.

Abraham's Life in Four Installments

Genesis 11-25

1. Call, Canaan, Egypt, Canann.
2. Promise, Covenant.
3. Covenant, Name Change, Sign of Circumcision.
4. Great Test, Final Years, Marriage of Isaac, Death of Sarah, Death of Abraham.

Abraham the Prototype

Righteousness imputed,
or credited, by faith.

Everything by faith:

1. Righteousness;
2. Inheritance;
3. Posterity.

Principle of Faith

Faith not a new
principle.

Old Testament:
Faith in a Promise.

New Testament:
Faith in a Fact.

What is Faith?

Hebrews 11:1

1. Living in a hope that is so real it gives assurance.
2. Taking God at His Word and living on that basis.

What is Faith?

3. Not merely wistful longing. It is belief in God against the world, not belief in the improbable against chance.
4. Hebrews 1:3 (3:14), “**assurance,**” “exact representation,” “essence, real content, reality,” “opposed to mere appearance,”

One Step of Faith Further

Conviction of things not seen:

1. Implies a *response* to our assurance;
2. Person of faith lives *his belief*;
3. Spiritual maturity is not knowledge, but obedience;
4. It is a gift from God.

Abraham's Four Crises

1. Giving up country & family, Genesis 12:1
2. Giving up nephew Lot, Genesis 13
3. Giving up hopes and plans for Ishmael, Genesis 17:17-18
4. Giving up his only son Isaac, Genesis 22:1-19, Hebrews 11:17-18

Abraham's Crises

In each crises,
Abraham was called to
surrender something dear.

James 1:3; 1 Peter 4:12
“testing for endurance”

Abraham's Faith

1. Believed in God
(17)

Romans 8:30;
Ephesians 2:6

“raised us up and
seated us in
heavenly places”

2. Believed Against
Hope (18)

“according to what
was spoken”

Believe God's Word!

Abraham's Faith

3. Believed in Spite of
Circumstances (19)

4. Believed without
Staggering (20)

“to divide, vacillate”

Mark 12:30

5. Believed God Could
Perform (21)

Fully persuaded God
could do what He
promised.

Conclusion

<u>Romans 4:</u>	<i>“faith, believe”</i>	16x
	<i>“credited”</i>	9x
	<i>“credited for righteousness”</i>	4x

*Salvation is from God, by God, through God,
and to God!*