

“Show me the proof. Where’s that in the Bible”?

Romans 4:1-25.

The situation

“This matter” (verse 1 and 3:20-26)

The example of Abraham as proof

(verses 2-3 and 10-11, 18-22; Genesis 15:6,22 and 17:1-11a)

The outworking for all God’s people

(verses 11b to 17, 23-25)

The “blessedness” of being credited as righteous

(verses 6 to 8)

The proof the gift of “faith”

(verses 4 and 5)

A Bible Study – Romans 4:1-25

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Pray: To begin with, pray. Ask God to teach you of Himself from his word.

Read: Remember, Romans is one long explanation of the gospel; “the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16). In this chapter, by reference to Abraham, the Apostle corrects the thought that a person is declared right with God by what they have done and not by what God has done in and through Christ. The proof of the latter is known by faith. A blessed truth all God’s people know.

Read the passage: Romans 4:1-25

Questions

1. Read verse 1. What is “this matter” Paul refers back to in verse 1. (See Chapter 3 verses 20 to 26)

Is anyone declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law?
(See 3:20)

How is one declared right with God? Is it earned or given? (See 3:22-25)

2. Was Abraham justified by “works”? What does the Scriptures say? (Turn to Genesis 15:6, 22 and 17:1-11 and Romans 4:2-3 and 10-11a). What came first; his faith in God and being credited as righteousness OR circumcision?

What was the proof that Abraham had been credited as righteous before God before he was circumcised? (See verses 18 to 22)

Referring to the answer of the last question, is this the way God has declared all those He has saved? (See Chapter 4 verses 11b to 17,23-25). Is this the way God has declared you right with Himself?

3. What is the proof that God has credited someone with righteousness? (See Chapter 4 verses 4 and 5)
4. What can we know to be true for God’s people having been credited as a gift received by faith of being right with God? (See verses 6 to 8)

Conclude with prayer:

In preparation for next week’s Bible Study read ahead Romans 5:1-21.

This Bible Study is such that it can be done on one’s own or with others in a Bible Study Group - even around the table at home. It’s designed to help you to remember the sermon, grow in your knowledge and love of God, appreciate your fellowship with other believers and to take your part in the life of the Church as followers of Jesus Christ.

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