

## THE GRACE OF GOD

### Roman's 4:1

Intro: We are continuing our study on The Grace of God. We have spent the last two Sundays looking at Romans 3. In those two studies, we have seen the \_\_\_\_\_ in Romans 3:23-24; the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Grace in 3:25; the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Grace in 3:25-26; and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Grace for the justified sinner in 3:27-31. Today, we begin looking at a practical application of these principles as they are demonstrated in Abraham. We call him Abram in the notes because the time referred to in the Old Testament references was before God changed his name.

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ (Abram the unsaved man) **Romans 4:1 (ABRAM THE UNSAVED ONE Gen 11-14)**

A. Abram's background **Gen 11:31; 15:7**

1. Lived in Ur of Chaldea, a pagan, idolatrous city of around 300K residents.
2. He was an \_\_\_\_\_, and had done nothing to win or earn the favor of God.

B. Abram's \_\_\_\_\_ to relocate **Gen 12:1-3**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ went to Abram **Vs 1**
2. God \_\_\_\_\_ Abram and gave him a \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 2-3**

C. Abram's normal life events **Gen 12-14**

1. Famine in the land and Abram flees to Egypt for \_\_\_\_\_ with his family  
**Gen 12:10-17**
2. \_\_\_\_\_ between Abram and Lot's herdsmen and the resolution **Gen 13**
3. Lot has been \_\_\_\_\_ by those who invaded Sodom **Gen 14:1-12**
4. Abram \_\_\_\_\_ Lot from his captors **Gen 14:13-16**

D. In Gen 11-14, Abram is just taking care of the responsibilities of life, yet spiritually he is an \_\_\_\_\_

II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Grace **Romans 4:3 (ABRAM THE BELIEVER Gen 15)**

A. God reminds Abram of his great \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 1**

B. \_\_\_\_\_ told God of his great need **Vs 2-3**

C. God revealed to Abram that He, God was all that he, Abram \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 4-5**

D. Abram \_\_\_\_\_, by faith, the promise of God **Vs 6**

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Grace **Romans 4:2, 4-8**

A. Abram's faith in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God brought about his justification **Vs 2**

1. The exercise of faith by Abram in the promise of God was a \_\_\_\_\_ from the Sovereign God
  - a. All man can do on his own is \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Works of the flesh are not \_\_\_\_\_ to bring about one's justification before God.
  - c. Therefore, as with Abram, no one can \_\_\_\_\_ in what they have done to bring about their right standing before God (justification)
2. All Abram could do was believe what God was telling Him, because he had \_\_\_\_\_ other way of making these promises come to pass. **Vs 4**
  - a. He was \_\_\_\_\_ to deliver his family from the famine without fleeing to Egypt
  - b. While in Egypt, he \_\_\_\_\_ and made his wife lie to save his own hide
  - c. After leaving Egypt, he was unable to keep his nephew from \_\_\_\_\_ into wicked Sodom
  - d. Abram and Sarai were not able to \_\_\_\_\_ even one child, much less a son

- B. Abram's faith in God brought about \_\_\_\_\_ from God upon his natural and spiritual descendants
1. \_\_\_\_\_ descendants-the nation of Israel (*Gen 15:4-5 And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, this shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. 5 and he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.*)
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ descendants-all who place their faith in the finished work of Christ
    - a. **Romans 4:5-8**
      - (1) Belief in God without works results in being \_\_\_\_\_ right before God
      - (2) Even the OT saint, King David saw the truth of this when he wrote in Psalm 32:1-2 what Paul quotes in **Romans 4:7-8**
    - b. **Gal 3:6-8** Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. 7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. 8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Grace for the Justified Believer **Romans 4:9-22**

- A. God is not impressed by a person's heritage or influence
  1. The promise of justification by the Grace of God is \_\_\_\_\_ to the Jew and Gentile alike. **Vs 9-12**
  2. Doing works to earn the favor of God is \_\_\_\_\_ in the salvation equation **Vs 13-15**
- B. Exercising God-given faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Grace of God toward the \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 16-22**
  1. Both to the undeserving Jew and Gentile alike **Vs 16**
  2. Because the promise made to Abram by God was because of God's \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 17**
    - a. The Sovereign God makes the dead \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. The Sovereign God speaks of things as a \_\_\_\_\_ even before they ever happen
- C. A Biblical example of \_\_\_\_\_ exercised faith in this Sovereign God **Vs 18-22**
  1. Abram placed his confidence in and focus on \_\_\_\_\_ Who made the promise, not on the things around him that seemed to show God as a \_\_\_\_\_. **Vs 18**
  2. Because Abram's faith was focused on the promise of God, God \_\_\_\_\_ his portion of faith **Vs 19-22**
    - a. This resulted in Abram \_\_\_\_\_ looking at his own inability **Vs 19a**
    - b. This resulted in Abram not looking at the inability of \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 19b**
    - c. This resulted in Abram not being a double \_\_\_\_\_ man **Vs 20a**
    - d. This provoked Abram to \_\_\_\_\_ God for what God had promised to accomplish **Vs 20b-22**
      - (1) Because now Abram did not have to \_\_\_\_\_ about how to "pull this off" in his own strength or by his own ingenuity **Vs 21**
      - (2) God, being trusted and glorified, \_\_\_\_\_ His promise **Vs 22**

Concl: **Romans 4:23-25** Now this was not written for Abram's sake alone, that it was imputed to him; 24 But for us also, to whom righteousness and justification by faith has been imputed, if we believe in God, the Father Who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; 25 Because the Lord Jesus Christ was delivered for our sin which is an offense to God, and was raised from the dead for our justification. (Pastor's Paraphrase)