

26-Feb-2023 | Discussion Questions
How does God Justify? | Romans 4:1-25 | Pr. Wallace Ong

1. Read Romans 4:1-8.

- a) How do people understand works and wages (v4)?

- b) How is being justified by faith different from work (v4-5)?

- c) Under what circumstances was Abraham justified, and why is his example so important for all of us (Romans 3:28; Gen 15:6)?

- d) Re-read Romans 4:7-8, which comes from Psalm 32:1-2. What is your own sense of blessedness as you read those verses?

2. Read Romans 4:9-12.

- a) For whom is the blessedness of being credited as righteous (v9)?

- b) When was Abraham credited as righteous (v10)?

- c) What is the purpose of circumcision (v11a)?

- d) In what sense is Abraham a father of all who believe (v11b-12)?

3. Read Romans 4:13-17.

- a) What promise did God give Abraham, and how did he receive it (v13)?

- b) What happens to those who depend on the law for their salvation (v14-15)?

- c) What blessing comes to those who receive the promise through faith (v16a)?

- d) Who are Abraham's offspring (v16-17)?

- e) God gives "life to the dead and calls into being things that were not (v17). What examples do you see of this in (v18-25)?

4. Read Romans 4:18-22.

- a) What was Abraham's condition when he received the promise, and how did he respond to the promise (v18)?

- b) How did Abraham demonstrate his faith (v19-22)?

- c) What spiritual lessons can we learn from Abraham?

5. Read Romans 4:23-25.

- a) Notice the repetition of "credited...as righteousness" in this chapter. To whom does God credit righteousness?

- b) In what respect is the essence of our faith the same as Abraham's? How does this affect who you are or what you want to become?

Pray for one another:

- Our righteousness is credited, received; knowing this leads us to give glory to God in our daily living.
- We know we are sinful, and we know our sins are covered. We do not have our sins counted against us - instead, we have righteousness credited to us. This produces the grateful joy and deep security to live in obedience to God.