

Romans 4:17-25

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The Book of Romans reveals how man continues to feel the need to have to contribute something to be saved.

Romans Chapter 1 reveals the unrighteous of man, and shows how degraded man becomes when he rejects God. We see it in the news everyday – murders, rapes, school shootings, etc. When you take the sanctity of life (the bible and God) out of life, society degrades.

Romans Chapter 2 reveals how man becomes self-righteous in his behavior and attitude after rejecting God.

Romans Chapter 3 reveals what God thinks of man's attitude in His written Word.

Romans Chapter 4 and 5 brings out two men in detail whom the Jewish people are very familiar with: King David and Abraham: Law and Grace. Paul uses these two characters to get the lesson across. The temple was in place, the law was enforced, and sacrifices were going on.

Vs17: talking about Abraham, the father of many nations. God promised Abraham He would make him father of many nations. At that time, Abraham was not a father of any nation. But God's promises will occur exactly as God says they will.

Vs18: "Who in hope believed against hope" means hope beyond that of human hope. Abraham was an old man when God made His promise. Abraham was 99 years old and Sarah was 90, way past child-bearing years.

Vs19-21: Abraham believed what God said, no matter what

Vs22: the law wasn't in existence yet, but Abraham believed God no matter what.

Vs23-25: All you have to do is believe the statements of God and that righteousness will be added to your account for judgement day. Salvation is believing on God. There is no work, no act, no donation you can make to achieve salvation. It is all belief, no matter what. Jesus Christ was sacrificed for our sins. The judge in heaven is saying You are taken care of, Jesus Christ paid for your sins.

Romans 5:1: Because of what we just heard, being justified by **FAITH** (not works) we have peace with God **THROUGH** Jesus Christ.

Vs2: by faith we have access to the grace of God. "Hope" in the Greek means looking forward to...in the future.

Vs3: Everyone in the world has tribulation to work through. When we do go through trials and tribulations, it hones our patience. It really forms us into better people.

Vs4: Tribulations leads us to develop patience, which leads to experience, which leads to hope of God. We know life is not fair, and people go through horrendous tribulations during their lifetimes, but it makes people stronger.

Vs5: this word hope is a forward-looking feeling.

Vs6: we didn't have the strength and Jesus Christ gives us strength. Today people, especially Americans, want things Now, like fast food. We get irate if it is not served fast enough.

Vs7: if we find a man who helps the poor, feeds the needy, really steps out there to help others with no regard to himself; no one would die for that man. We'd be hard-pressed to find one person who would die for another man who is good and helps others.

Vs8: Even in our lost, sinful state, Jesus Christ still came down and died in our place.

Vs9: we're only safe from the wrath of God because of the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

Vs10: we were reconciled to God by the death of His son, Jesus Christ. We are reconciled in a complete manner because Jesus Christ rose from the dead because He was the only perfect person who ever lived.

Vs11: Jesus Christ gave us atonement.

Vs12: death by sin was Adam.

Vs13: from Adam to Moses, sin was in the world. Man transgressed God's perfect will, but God's perfect will had never been told to man, so man didn't understand what he was doing until God gave the law to Moses, then man knew when he was doing right or wrong. Now he had a rule, a law, a standard to live up to now.

Vs14: everybody died from Adam to Moses, even all those people htat lived between Adam and Moses that didn't commit the same sin that Adam did, they all still died.

Vs15: we're alive today spiritually because of Jesus Christ. We all will physically die because of Adam.

Vs16: Jesus Christ is a free gift.

Vs17: Adam put us all to death because of sin; Jesus Christ gave us all life because of His sacrifice. Adam killed us all; Jesus Christ gave us all life.

Vs18-19: again, Adam killed us all; Jesus Christ saved us all.

Vs20: Moses delivered the law from God so we could know it and see we were going to die

Vs21: now we see how to get eternal life through Jesus Christ.