

“God's Gift to Abraham” **Romans 4:1-12**

I. RIGHTEOUSNESS: "Abraham...justified" (vv.1-8)

A. Boasting: "something to boast about" (vv.1-3)

1. Assumption: "justified by works" (vv.1-2)

2. Actuality: "Abraham believed God" (v.3)

B. Blessing: "his faith is reckoned" (vv.4-8)

1. Expectation: "wage...what is due" (v.4)

2. Example: "God...justifies the ungodly" (vv.5-8)

II. RECKONING: "faith...while uncircumcised" (vv.9-12)

A. Salvation: "faith was reckoned" (vv.9-10)

1. Rite: "circumcised or uncircumcised?" (v.9)

2. Realization: "reckoned...while uncircumcised" (v.10)

B. Seal: "sign of circumcision" (vv.11-12)

1. Proof: "a seal of the righteousness" (v.11a)

2. Purpose: "that he might be the father of..." (vv.11b-12)

*Next week: **Read Romans 4:13-25***