

But also for us

Romans 4:13-25

Romans 4:13-15 NKJV

13 For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, 15 because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression.

Romans 4:16-17 NKJV

16 Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all 17 (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed--God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

Romans 4:18-20 NKJV

18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." 19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

Romans 4:21-25 NKJV

21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. 22 And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness." 23 Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, 24 but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

1. Sin - Romans 1:1 - 3:20
(Genesis)
2. Salvation - Romans 3:21 - 5:21
(Exodus)
3. Sanctification - Romans 6 - 8
(Leviticus)
4. Sovereignty - Romans 9 - 11
(Numbers)
5. Service - Romans 12 - 16
(Deuteronomy)

How and when are we saved?

Saved apart from the law:

How was **Abraham** saved (**Before** the Law)

-Rom 4:1-5

How was **David** saved (**Under** the Law)

-Rom 4:6-8

Romans vs James

= A faith that works

Basis vs Expression

- True faith produces works
(as a testimony)
- True works don't produce faith
(just bragimonies)

Romans 4

1. Abe and Dave - before and under the law
2. A faith that works
3. **Law vs Faith / Works vs Grace**
4. **What is the gentile connection to Abe?**
5. **What part does the Law play now and what about Israel and the church?**

Transgression = “Crossing over the line”

Sin = “To miss the mark”

Iniquity = “Twisted”

Guile = “Deception”

Forgive = “To remove or send away”

Covered = “Sprinkled”

Impute (11x in ch.4) = “To put on account”

law & transgression vs relationship

“There is sin that is not the “crossing the line” of the Law of Moses. The root of sin isn’t in breaking the law, but in breaking trust with God; with denying His loving, caring purpose in every command He gives. Before Adam sinned he broke trust with God – therefore God’s plan of redemption is centered on a relationship of trusting love – faith – instead of law-keeping. When we center our relationship with God on law-keeping instead of trusting love, we go against His whole plan.” - Guzik

V16 Therefore...

Faith is related to **Grace** in the same way **works** is related to **law**.

Grace and **Law** are principles, and **faith** and **works** are the means by which we pursue those principles for our relationship with God.

To speak technically, we are not saved by **faith**. We are saved by God's **grace**, and **grace** is appropriated by **faith**. - Guzik

Grace and Law - Faith and Works...

“Grace and faith are congruous, and will draw together in the same chariot, but grace and merit are contrary the one to the other and pull opposite ways, and therefore God has not chosen to yoke them together.” (Spurgeon)

The Council at Jerusalem: Acts 15

12 Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles.

13 And after they had become silent, James answered, saying, "Men and brethren, listen to me: 14 "Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. 15 "And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written:

The Council at Jerusalem: Acts 15

16 'After this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up; 17 So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the LORD who does all these things.' 18 "Known to God from eternity are all His works. 19 "Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God,

The Law and You:

Ceremonial Law: This type of law relates to Israel's worship. ([Lev 1:1-13](#))

Civil Law: This law dictated Israel's daily living ([Deut 24:10-11](#));

Moral Law: The moral laws are direct commands of God. A good example are the Ten Commandments ([Ex 20:1-17](#)).

(See [Rom 6-14](#), [Gal. 3-5](#), [Matt 5,22](#) , [Col 2](#), [Heb 7-9](#), [James 2](#))

Israel and the Church

God has not abrogated His promises to Abraham about his physical, believing descendants, the regenerate nation Israel, inheriting the land [[Gen 15:18-21; 22:17](#)].

These promises still stand; they will be fulfilled in the Millennium.

([Rom 1:16; 10:12; Gal 3:28; Col 3:11](#))

This will be dealt with in [Romans 9, 10, 11](#).

Contrary to hope, in hope believed

“All true believers, like Abraham, obey. Obedience is faith in action. You are to walk in the steps of the faith of father Abraham. His faith did not sit still, it took steps; and you must take these steps also by obeying God because you believe him. That faith which has no works with it is a dead faith, and will justify no one.” (Spurgeon)

V19 Not being weak in faith

“Whenever, dear hearers, you catch any of us who are teachers doubting and fearing, do not pity us, but scold us. We have no right to be in Doubting Castle. Pray do not visit us there. Follow us as far as we follow Christ, but if we get into the horrible Slough of Despond, come and pull us out by the hair of our heads if necessary, but do not fall into it yourselves.” (Spurgeon)

Character of Faith:

Did not:

Consider circumstances

Waver in trust

But instead

Was Strengthened

Gave Glory

Fully trusted

Able to Perform:

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

- Ephesians 3:20-21 NKJV

V25 The Gospel - delivered up - raised up

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, - 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 NKJV

