

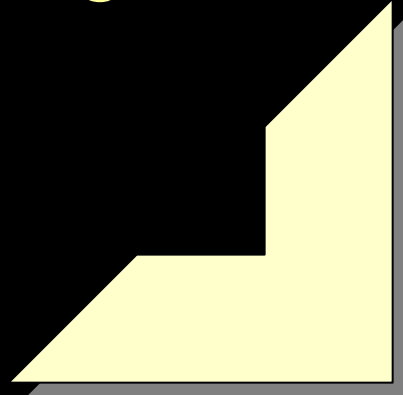
Paul's Epistle To The

Romans

Chapter 4



In Chapter Four ...

- ① Abraham Illustrates Justification by faith (4:1-8).
 - ② Principle of Justification applies with equal force to Jew and Gentile (4:9-12).
 - ③ Abrahamic promise fulfilled through faith, not law (4:13-17).
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Tonight's Study

Romans 4:18-25

1 Abraham's Faith (4:18-21).

2 Statement regarding
Abraham's faith applies to all
who believe (4:22-25).

Romans 4:18-21

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Romans 4:18

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From the world's view, There was no hope for Abraham and Sarah to have a son.

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Who against hope **believed** in hope, that he might become the father of many nations according to that which was spoken by the prophet.

"Against Hope"

to "Hope"

Romans 4:18

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Heb. 11:1, 6 me the father of many
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spoke of in the Holy seed be.

2 Cor. 5:7

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Genesis
15:5

Hope

- ❧ Happy Anticipation
- ❧ Ground Upon Which That Anticipation Is Based
- ❧ Object Upon Which The Hope Is Set

Happy Anticipation

☞ Most Common Usage

☞ Titus 1:2 “In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began”

☞ 1 Peter 1:21 “Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

Ground Upon Which Happy Anticipation Is Based

- ☞ Acts 16:19 “And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew *them* into the marketplace unto the rulers”
- ☞ Col. 1:27 “To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory”

Object Upon Which The Hope Is Set

✚ 1 Timothy 1:1 “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, *which is our hope*”

✚ Christ

✚ Heaven

✚ Eternal Life

Romans 4:19

And being not weak in faith,
he considered not his own
body now dead, when he
was about an hundred
years old, neither yet the
deadness of Sara's womb:

Romans 4:19

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The Greek Word
means:
“to be weak, infirm,
deficient in strength; to
be sick, timid,
unsettled.
-W. E. Vine

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Romans 4:20

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through unbelief;

Most men choose to look at
the here and now.

Abraham chose to look at
the promise of God.

but
faith,
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Romans 4:20

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in faith, giving glory to God;

It is abundantly clear that Abraham did not accept the glory for the ability to accomplish this promise – Rather he gave the glory to God!

Romans 4:21

And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

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And being **fully** persuaded that what he was to perform.

The Greek means:
“to bear or bring full (full measure), to settle fully”.
- It has the sense of finishing something or paying off a bank note.

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Characteristics of Abraham's Faith

- *It was faith based upon hope.*
- *It believed even in the face of a hopeless situation.*
- *Circumstances did not weaken his faith.*
- *It looked to God's promise, rather than looking to his own abilities and powers.*
- *He had a firm conviction that God could accomplish what He was promised.*

Romans 4:22-25

And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Romans 4:22

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This has reference to the preceding verse.

“And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.”

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Faith

Romans 4:23-24

A Lesson

For as it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

In Faith

Romans 4:23-24

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Romans 4:25

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Two Great Truths

❧ *He was “delivered for our offences”*

❧ *He was “raised again for our justification”*

Delivered for ...

❧ *Remember Isa. 53:1-11*

❧ *1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

Raised again ...

- ✧ *1 Cor. 15:17* And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.
- ✧ *1 Peter 1:3* Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”
- ✧ *Rom. 1:4* And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

Summation

So then they
which be of faith
are blessed with
faithful Abraham.