



ROMANS 1:16

“I am not ashamed of the Gospel,  
because it is the power of God  
for the salvation of everyone who  
believes:  
first for the Jew, then for the  
Gentile.”



# UNASHAMED: FAITH ALONE

Romans 4

VSS. 1-2

Why did Paul drag Abraham into this?

1. The Holy Spirit told him to
2. The Jews SO highly regarded Abraham

To be fully pardoned before God by works would indeed be something to boast about.

But it didn't (and can't) happen

VS. 3-6

Credited (Imputed) :

To take something belonging to one person and credit it to another. Completely One-sided.

Abraham's part? "Abraham believed God..."

See also John 6:28-29; Gal. 2:21; Eph. 2:8-9



VSS. 7-8

Quoting Psalm 32.

What was the occasion there?

Along with Psalm 51, the song of David after his sin  
with Bathsheba

Ps. 103: 8-14; Ps. 130:3-5; Micah 7:18-20



VSS. 9-12

As if Paul is saying, “Let’s be clear...”

Abraham’s righteousness was credited to his account  
BEFORE his circumcision

Gen. 15:6

Gen 17:24

So he is the father of ALL who come by faith



VSS. 13-17

Continues with the 'only through faith'

Who are Abraham's true offspring?

Those who come by faith

(Matt. 3:7-10; John 8:39)

Don't trust in your pedigree



VSS. 18FF

“Against all hope...”

Believed, THEN became.

He faced every obstacle and yet trusted.

“Lord, help me not waver. Help me give you glory!”

Biblical hope – the confidence that something is fully settled but not yet experienced





Vs. 21 Am I fully persuaded that He is able?

A study of the names of God is always good

A study of God in the history of man proves effective  
as well (Hebrews 11, etc)

Vss. 23-24 Credited not to Abraham alone, but to **each of us** who comes to Christ in faith

“He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.” Vs. 25

“The Resurrection provided proof that God had accepted the sacrifice of His Son, and would be able to be just and yet justify the ungodly.”

- MacArthur