

A Walk Down The Romans Road

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10:30 AM

Encountering The Truths of The Book of Romans

Chapter 4 - FAITH

Romans 4

4 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? 2 If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. 3 What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

4 Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. 5 However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. 6 David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the one to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

7 “Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. 8 Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them.”

9 Is this blessedness only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? We have been saying that Abraham’s faith was credited to him as righteousness. 10 Under what circumstances was it credited? Was it after he was circumcised, or before? It was not after, but before! 11 And he received circumcision as a sign, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them. 12 And he is then also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised but who also follow in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

13 It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. 14 For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, 15 because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. 17 As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

18 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” 19 Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. 20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, 21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. 22 This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” 23 The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, 24 but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. 25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Key Text: Romans 4:20-21

20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,

The object of our Faith is GOD and the Truth of His Word

- His Word is the revelation of Himself to mankind
- It is not faith in faith itself
- Or faith. Some sort of force (may the faith be with you)
- It’s not faith in healing or answered prayer
- Faith is based on who God is and the unchangeable truth of His Word
 - God is not a man that he should lie

Numbers 23:19-20

19 God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? 20 I have received a command to bless; he has blessed, and I cannot change it.

16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed

17—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

Faith is belief... but it is so much more than that

- It is hope
- It is trust
- It is assurance
- It is confidence
- It is certainty

- It is being fully persuaded
- It is declaration
- It is taking a stand

3 What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

Hebrews 11:6

6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

4 Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. 5 However, to the one who does not work but trusts God

18 Abraham in hope believed

21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

Hebrews 11:1

11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Faith is a way of seeing and understanding that does not involve physical eyesight or human understanding

2 Corinthians 5:7

7 For we live by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 4:18

18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

9 However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”— the things God has prepared for those who love him—
10 these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

Faith is BIG not small

- Mustard seed faith
- In like manner
- Everything that is needed to become is contained in that seed
- Likewise everything that is needed to become everything that God has promised is contained in that seed
- Otherwise why would she scold them for have little faith and then tell them to have little faith
- It's not the amount of faith it is the type of faith

Matthew 17:20-21

20 He replied, “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

Matthew 13:31-33

31 He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32 Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

33 He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

Faith is not without evidence

- Not blind
- Jesus and Thomas
- The resurrection

Faith doesn't ignore reality

19 Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead.

Faith is not the absence of doubt but the overcoming of doubt

20 Yet he did not waver (to separate one's self from completely - to withdraw, judge or make a distinction) through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,

Faith is Active not Passive

- That's why Jesus asked the people so many times to do something
 - Rise and walk
 - Go wash
 - Woman with the issue of blood
 - Don't be afraid just believe (Jairus)
 - Speak to this mountain

Faith doesn't demand it declares

- Planted

Faith can be strengthened

- Giving glory to God
- Speaking words of truth
- Calling to mind the victories of God
- Surrounding ourselves with like minded believers

Faith is surrendering to the will of the father

- Shadrach Meshach and Abednego
- Jesus
- Faith is coming into alignment with the nature, will, purposes and promises of God

Daniel 3:16-18

16 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. 17 If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. 18 But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

Faith is the assurance that the battle has already been won

- Victory is not the absence of battles. In fact in order to have victory that means a battle must be fought

Faith continues the journey with confidence

- It does not quit
- It does not give up
- It doesn't surrender
- It perseveres
- It holds on
- It takes the next step and then the next one and then the next one knowing that God is with us each step of the way
- We can continue to believe and hold on to the truth and promises of God or we can believe the lies of the enemy and our flesh and fail to receive what God has for us.