

The Book of Romans

This Week:

Lesson: Romans Chapter 4

Next Week:

Homework Scripture Read: Romans Chapter 5

Lesson Text:

Romans 3:31-4:3	Introducing justification by faith
Romans 4:4-8	A favor/blessing – given, not earned
Romans 4:9-12	Not tied to circumcision Genesis 15:6 – Belief accounted to him as Righteousness Genesis 17:10-27 – Institution of circumcision
Romans 4:13-16	Conclusion – Righteousness by Faith available to all
Romans 4:17	Isaac and Ishmael = Jew and Gentile (Genesis 17:1-7)
Romans 4:18-25	Example of Abraham’s belief in God directly relates to our belief in Jesus Christ

Discussion:

- **Discuss** the importance of Abraham as the father of God’s chosen people AND the father of “many nations” also being the example of righteousness by faith.
- **Discuss** the concept of “the object of faith” – God the Father for Abraham, God the Son for Paul, and for Christians today.
- **Note** the soteriological construction so far:
 - Need – all have sinned
 - Justification is not earned- it is a gift
 - Justification is by faith in God
 - Justification by faith in God is available to all people
 - Our faith in God is centered on the person of Jesus Christ
- **Word note** – “Soter” is from the Greek “sozo” = “save”, so “soteriology” is the theological term for the study of salvation.

Open Question:

How does King David’s salvation compare to a modern Christian’s salvation?