



## Abraham's Faith (Part 1)

## Romans 4:1-12

### Something to Start Us Off

- What do you think is the most valuable thing you have even earned? What kind of work did you have to do in order to get it?

### Something to Notice

Let's read Romans 4:1-12 slowly and mark a few phrases that tell us something important. Here are some that might stand out to us.

- 4:3 Abraham believed God ... See Genesis 15:6.
- 4:7-8 Blessed are those whose ... See Psalm 32:1-2
- 4:10 before he was circumcised Circumcision is introduced some 13 or 14 years later, in Genesis 17.

### Something to Learn

#### **Key Insights:**

\* The Greek word *logizomai* ("counted/credited/imputed") appears 11 times in Romans 4 alone! Paul borrows it straight from Genesis 15:6 to show righteousness isn't earned like wages (v. 4) but gifted freely to the "ungodly" who believe (v. 5).

\* If you want to identify these places in English, look for forms of the word *count(ed)* in the ESV.

\* In the NKJV, it might be *account(ed)*, *count(ed)*, or *impute(ed)*.

\* See 4:3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, & 11 in today's section. See also 4:22, 23, & 24.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- Try to list some of the key differences between being justified by works and, as the Bible teaches, being justified by faith.
- Why do you think it is significant that tendency to boast is completely negated?
- In what way is Abraham "the father of all who believe," that is, of Christians – both the circumcised (Jews) and the uncircumcised (Gentiles)? (4:11)
- If there is any way you are tempted to "boast," or look at your own efforts/credentials as giving you some kind of credit before God, how should you view those things now?

### Something to Take Home

- Memorize and/or meditate on Romans 4:3 this week. These verses tell us that unworthy people (like us) can still be made right with God.