

Three Questions, Even Five ...

1) What did Abraham discover about righteousness (Romans 4:1-2)?

- He may boast, but not before God.

2) What does Scripture say (4:3-8)?

- Abraham believed God and received the gift of forgiveness and righteousness.

3) Is the blessing for everyone (4:9-12)?

[Under what circumstances was this righteousness credited to his account? Before or after circumcision?]

- And he [Abraham] **believed** the LORD, and he **counted** it to him **as righteousness** (Genesis 15:6 ESV).
- And he gave him **the covenant of circumcision**. And so Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day, and Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob of the twelve patriarchs (Acts 7:8 ESV).
- And God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. 10 **This is my covenant**, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among **you shall be circumcised**. 11 You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you” (Genesis 17:9-11 ESV).

Faith Counted as Righteousness!

Romans 4:1-12

“What’s in your account?”



FAITH / CIRCUMCISION / FAITH
Abraham believed God!