

## The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

“For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

(Romans 15:4)

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## Abraham's Faith & Ours

Romans 4:1-25

<sup>23</sup> Now not for his sake only was it written that IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM,

<sup>24</sup> but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

<sup>25</sup> who was delivered up for of our transgressions, and was raised for of our justification.

(Romans 4:23-25)

## Abraham's Faith and Ours

1. Faith as the only means of justification
  - like Abraham, our faith alone is reckoned by God as righteousness
  - not by works or law-keeping but entirely of God's grace

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2. Faith of the same nature
  - like Abraham, we believe in the God who gives life to the dead
  - we are also fully assured that what God has promised He is able to perform

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### 3. Faith in the same promise

- like Abraham, we believe that we will "inherit the world" through his "seed"
- Isaac foreshadows the resurrection of Jesus, the "seed" in whom all the nations will be blessed (cf. Gal. 3:16)

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### ➤ Implication:

- those who are "of the faith of Abraham" are those now who believe in the God who raised Jesus from the dead
- Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is the object of all saving faith (cf. Acts 4:12)