

## Romans #3

September 29, 2022

1. Introduction to Romans chapter 4 (Genesis 12:1-3)
2. What about Abraham? (Romans 4:1-5)
3. “The things that do not exist” (Romans 4:13-17)
4. Abraham was justified by faith (not the law) (Romans 4:18-25)
5. Next week: read Romans 5:1-11

## Genesis 12: 1-3

**12** Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves.”

## Romans 4:1-5

**4** What then shall we say about Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup> Now to one who works, his wages are not reckoned as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup> And to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness.

## Romans 4:13-17

<sup>13</sup> The promise to Abraham and his descendants, that they should inherit the world, did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants—not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## Romans 4:18-25

<sup>18</sup> In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations; as he had been told, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> That is why his faith was “reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> But the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him that raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup> who was put to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification.