

## The Righteousness of Abraham

**Rom 3:29-30** *Is he* the God of the Jews only? *is he* not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: <sup>30</sup>Seeing *it is* one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

Confusion over differences or similarities between O.T. Righteousness and N.T. Righteousness is resolved when acknowledging the following:

1. Rightly dividing the word of truth
2. Believing the wording in a KJV bible (Compare Rom 3:30 in the NIV)
3. Distinguishing between justification ‘by faith’ and ‘through faith’ (Rom 3:30)
4. Recognizing how righteousness was being reckoned to Abraham prior to Gen 15, and then in Gen 15

Abram was a bona fide O.T. saint living ‘by faith’ between Gen 12 and Gen 15. Similarly, Moses described the righteousness which is of the law, that the man which doeth those things shall live by them, and is held in contrast to our imputed righteousness; Rom 10:4-10. Righteousness under the O.T. was a continuous & on-going life process: Ez 3:17-21; 14:13-20; 18:21-24; 33:7-20

**Heb 11:8** By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

**Rom 4:3** For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

*For by grace are ye saved through faith*

Acts 14:27 door of faith opened to Gentiles  
Eph 2:8-9 by grace through faith without works

**Gen 12** (1892 BC ?)

**Gen 15** (1870 BC ?)

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Gen 12:1-7  
v4 So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken unto him  
v7 and there he builded he an altar unto the LORD  
Gen 13:1-4  
v4...and there Abram called on the name of the LORD  
Gen 13:15-18  
v18 Then Abram removed his tent...and built there an altar unto the LORD  
Gen 14:17-22  
v20 And he gave him tithes of all.  
v22 I have lift up my hand unto the LORD, the MOST HIGH GOD...  
Definition: By faith = Trust God & Obey

Gen 15:1-6  
v6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

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Gen 15 is the type for Gentile salvation today ‘through’ faith!

Rom 4:21-24 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. <sup>22</sup>And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. <sup>23</sup>Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; <sup>24</sup>But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

Rom 10:9-10 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Definition: Through faith = Believing in the faith (trust-worthiness) of Jesus Christ and His finished work on the cross for righteousness (Rom 3:22).