

QUESTIONS

Day 1 - Review

1. What most interested you from the lecture, notes, discussion group or your personal study of Romans 3?

Day 2 - Read Romans 4:1-3 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

2. What does verse 2 say is NOT the reason Abraham was justified?
3. **? Personal Question:** If Abraham was NOT justified by works, then do you think the same principle applies to you? In other words, can you be justified by works? Explain your answer.
4. How does verse 3 explain that Abraham did receive righteousness? (Note: Being justified before God and being righteous before God are synonymous concepts.)
5. **? Thought Question:** Verse 3 uses the term “credited” righteousness. (Older Bible translations use the term “reckoned”.) What do you think is significant about righteousness being “credited?” (Hint: Think about balancing your bank account.)

Day 3 - Read Romans 4:4-8 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

6. According to verse 4, what is NOT credited as a gift, but rather an obligation?
7. According to verse 5, what caused someone to be credited as righteousness?
8. Using only verses 4 & 5, what brings about one's righteousness (or justification)? Someone's works or someone's faith? Explain your answer.
9. Paul quotes King David in verses 7 & 8. How does David state this concept of “righteousness by faith?”

Day 4 - Read Romans 4:9-12 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

10. Verse 9 repeats a truth already stated, “Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness.” According to verse 10, was Abraham credited righteousness before he was circumcised or after? Why is the answer to this question important? (Note: “Circumcised” refers to the Jews)

and “uncircumcised” refers to the Gentiles.)

11. According to verse 11, what was the purpose of Abraham's circumcision? In other words, did his circumcision cause his righteousness or signify his righteousness? Explain the difference.
12. **? Thought Question:** What types of New Testament religious signs might be similar to that of Old Testament circumcision? In other words, what types of signs signify one is a Christian but do not cause one to be a Christian?
13. **? Personal Question:** If you are not a Jew by birth, why is today's text especially important to you?

Day 5 - Read Romans 4:13-16 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

14. What do verses 14 & 15 say about people that “depend upon the law?”
15. What do you learn about the “promise” in verse 16?
16. **? Thought Question:** What is the “promise” referenced in verse 16?
17. **? Personal Question:** Would you share one promise with your discussion group that God has fulfilled in your life?

Day 6 - Read Romans 4:17-25 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

18. How do verses 17 & 18 say Abraham is your father?
19. Using verses 19-21, write down things you learn about Abraham's faith.
20. **? Personal Question:** When have you ever exhibited faith in a promise from God? Explain the circumstances.

21. According to verse 24-25, to whom does God credit righteousness and why?