ROMANS 4:9-17 — ABRAHAM JUSTIFIED BY GRACE

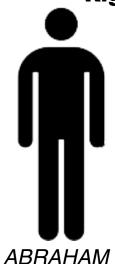
RIGHTEOUSNESS BEFORE CIRCUMCISION — RO.4:9-12

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Ge.15:6 **Abraham Declared Righteous by God**



- Abraham Uncircumcised at age 85
- Abraham uncircumcised Gentile. There were no Jews yet.
- Abraham was <u>inside</u> the Covenant with God

<u>Ge.17:24</u> oraham and Ishma

Abraham and Ishmael Circumcised

- Abraham Circumcised at age 99
- Ishmael, illegitimate son of Abraham, circumcised (age 13)
- Ishmael was <u>outside</u> any covenant with God



If Abraham could be justified as an uncircumcised Gentile, surely Gentiles also who do not become Jews can be justified without circumcision (v.11-12)

RIGHTEOUSNESS BEFORE THE LAW — RO.4:13-17

Promise Not Replaced by the Law



PROMISE COVENANT

430 Year Gap

MOSAIC COVENANT (Law)



- Abraham was justified before the Law. The coming of the Law did not invalidate the existing covenant promise (v.13)
- If promise becomes conditional on law keeping we are doomed. There is no point in FAITH if you have to earn it (v.14)
- The Law curses those who cannot perfectly keep it all (v.15)
- The promise is guaranteed, the Law is not. It must be by promise so it can be of grace. Thus, God gets all glory (v.16)
- Abraham becomes a prototype of salvation by faith apart from any self-merit (v.17)

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