

BELIEVE-ACCOUNTED-RIGHTEOUS — GENESIS 15:6



“And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness” (Ge.15:6)



It is the gospel in the Old Testament, quoted four times in the New Testament (Ro.4:1-3; 4:9-10; 19-24; Ga.3:5-7; Ja.2:23).

1 Ro.4:3 For what does the Scripture say? "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

- Paul quoted Ge.15:6 to demonstrate salvation was by faith not works. He uses (1) circumcision and (2) the Law as illustrations ["no law" for Abraham].
- Paul also makes the point that Abraham could not be saved because there was "no law."
- Romans 4:9-10 makes much of the fact this righteousness was accounted to Abram before he was circumcised (Ge.17:1-27).
- No one could say Abram was made righteous because of his obedience or fulfillment of religious law or ritual.

2 Ga.3:6 just as Abraham "BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

- Paul quotes Ge.15:6 as proof that there has never been any other way of salvation than by grace through faith.

BIBLICAL FAITH

1. Faith in a Person (God/Christ)
2. Trust in the truths about that Person (Bible)
3. Living a life like that Person (Christlikeness)

3 Ja.2:23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS... ."

- James quotes Ge.15:6 to make the point that genuine faith is living and is lived out in life.
- "Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?" (Ja.2:21)
- From James point Abram's work manifested his already righteous condition.
- Abram's normal response to God's words was to believe them. But he may doubt afterward.