

WHOM GOD COUNTS AS RIGHTEOUS
Romans 4:1-8

I. WHAT ABRAHAM DISCOVERED (vv. 1-3)

A. Abraham's Failure to Gain Righteousness—*but not before God* (vv. 1-2)

B. Abraham's Faith Received Righteousness—*Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness* (v. 3)

II. WHAT LOGIC DEMANDS (vv. 4-5)

A. Righteousness by Human Effort is Deficient (v. 4)—*Now to the one who works...*

B. Righteousness through Faith in Christ is Sufficient (v. 5)—*And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly...*

III. WHAT SCRIPTURE DECLARES (vv. 6-8)

A. The Blessing of Expiation through Faith in Christ (vv. 6-7)—*whose sins are covered*

B. The Blessing of Justification through Faith in Christ (v. 8)—*against whom the Lord will not count his sins*