

FATHER ABRAHAM HAD MANY SONS
Romans 4:9-16

- I. THE PROOF OF ABRAHAM'S RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH (vv. 9-11a)
 - A. It Is Proven from Theology (v. 9)—*For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness.*
 - B. It Is Proven through Chronology (vv. 10-11a)—*How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised?*
- II. THE PURPOSE OF ABRAHAM'S RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH (vv. 11b-12)
 - A. To Become the Spiritual Father to Faith-Justified Gentiles (v. 11b)—*all who believe without being circumcised...*
 - B. To Become the Spiritual Faith to Faith-Justified Jews (v. 12)—*who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith...*
- III. THE PROMISE OF ABRAHAM'S RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH (vv. 13-16)
 - A. The Promise Does Not Come through Law (vv. 13-15)—*For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void (v. 14)*
 - B. The Promise Does Come through Faith (v. 16)—*That is why it depends on faith...*