Believing for Salvation (Justification)

Romans 4:16–25

Introduction

I. The Rule of Faith is Developed – 4:16

A. Faith Brings Us God’s Favor – 4:16a

“Therefore *it is* of faith that *it might be* according to grace,”

B. Faith Brings Us into God’s Family – 4:16b

“so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all.”

II. The Rule of Faith is Described – 4:17–22

A. How Abraham Heard God’s Word – 4:17–18

“(as it is written, *“I have made you a father of many nations”*) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did”

“who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, *“So shall your descendants be.”*

B. How Abraham Held onto God’s Word – 4:19–22

“And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb.”

“He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,”

“and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.”

“And therefore *“it was accounted to him for righteousness.”*

III. The Rule of Faith is Detailed – 4:23-25

1. For the Same Reason – 4:23-24a

‘”Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, 24but also for us.”

B. By the Same Route – 4:24b

“It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead”

C. By the Same Rule – 4:25

“who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.”

Conclusion: