

## Abraham's Justification

<sup>1</sup> What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup> And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup> just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:  
<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;  
<sup>8</sup> blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

Romans 4:1-8 (ESV)

1. Justification by faith excludes boasting.
2. Justification by faith as demonstrated by Scripture:
  - A. Genesis 15:6
  - B. Psalm 32