

# *Debit or Credit?*

*Ro 4:3*

Today I want to look at Romans Chapter 4, and discover what faith ensures in the life of a believer, by looking at the life of ***OLD TESTAMENT SAINT Abraham***

**Faith:**

- 1. Credits Righteousness**
- 2. Allows Man to Rest in God's Promises**
- 3. Is Living in Dependence on God**

## Romans 4:3 (NASB)

<sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS."

# What is the Gospel?

## **1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NASB)**

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

***Christ died for our sins (b) Christ was buried (c) Christ was resurrected***

***The Gospel is God's offer of Spiritual Life to Man***

The ***ROOT*** word credit appears 10x times in Romans chapter 4 –

Ro 4:3, 4:4, 4:5, 4:6, 4:9, 4:10, 4:11, 4:22, 4:23. 4:24 –

The word credited is coupled with the word Faith or Believe in –

Ro 4:3, 4:5, 4:9, 4:24 (Believers) – Verses 3,5,9  
reference Abraham

## Romans 4:24 (NASB)

<sup>24</sup> but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

**OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS** are saved, credited Righteousness by FAITH looking forward to the CROSS, and **NEW TESTAMENT SAINTS** are saved, credited Righteous by the FAITH looking back to what has already occurred on the CROSS

## Genesis 12:1-3 (NASB)

<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; <sup>2</sup> And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; <sup>3</sup> And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

God's covenant with Abraham can be broken down into 3 aspects –

1. Promise of Land, 12:1

2. Promise of Descendants, 12:2

3. Promise of Blessings (redemption), 12:3

## **Romans 4:13 (NASB)**

<sup>13</sup> For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.

## **Romans 4:14 (NASB)**

<sup>14</sup> For if those who are of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified;

**Brother's and Sister's – Rest in God's promises by faith (like Abraham) and let God work and fulfill His promises in you, through you and to you!**

## **Romans 4:19-20 (NASB)**

<sup>19</sup> Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; <sup>20</sup> yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God,

## **Genesis 16:2 (NASB)**

<sup>2</sup> So Sarai said to Abram, "Now behold, the LORD has prevented me from bearing *children*. Please go in to my maid; perhaps I will obtain children through her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

***Who is your life right now is persuading to self-trust, and not trust in God's promises? Please don't listen to them, and stand firm in God's promises and don't waiver!***

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*Faith is living in dependence on God and His promises, who are you depending on this morning?*