What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found.

Rom 4:2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. Rom 4:1

Rom 3:22 ... even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe,

Rom 3:21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested,...

Imputed Righteousness

For what does the Scripture say? "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS **CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS."**

Rom 4:3

Faith Is Not Works

It is either faith or works, not both

Faith plus works = works

Deserving Judgment **But Not** Being Judged = Grace

Rom 4:6 just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

Rom 4:7 "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED.

Rom 4:8 "BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT."

Faith Is Not A Ritual



What Is Biblical Faith? **Rom 4:9** Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, "FAITH WAS **CREDITED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS." Rom 4:10** How then was it credited? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised;



Faith is not Law

Rom 4:13 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.

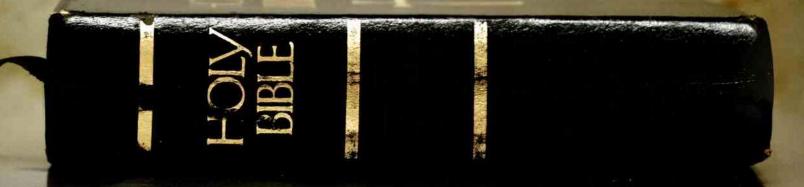
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•Law

Also....

What Is Biblical Faith? Biblical Faith Is NOT:

Mental Assent – James 2:9 A Feeling – Phil. 4:7-8



What Is Biblical Faith? Faith Leads To

Feelings



What Is Biblical Faith? **Biblical Faith Is NOT:** A Positive/Wishful Thinking





What Is Biblical Faith? He Heard Truth

By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. Heb 11:8

He Acted

Faith is an attitude of the heart that is willing to act based on God's truth...

Again. Based On Truth

In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, "SO **SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE.**" Rom 4:18

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;



Depended On God To Perform

yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God,

Rom 4:21 and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.

What Biblical Faith Is:

Faith is an attitude of the heart that is willing to <u>act</u> based on God's <u>truth</u> with complete <u>dependence on Him</u> to <u>perform it for you</u>.

Apply The Model:

Personal Salvation

'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me

Rev 3:20

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