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ABRAHAM: RIGHTEOUSNESS BEFORE THE LAW

*He Believed God, and It Was
Counted Unto Him for Righteousness*

GENESIS
15:6
(KJV)

"And he believed in the LORD;
and he counted it to him for righteousness."

ROMANS
4:1-3
(KJV)

1 What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?
2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.
3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Abraham was justified long before the Law of Moses was ever given.

He was not made righteous because of keeping commandments.

He was not made righteous because of ceremonial obedience.

He was not made righteous because of religious performance.

He was made righteous because he believed God.

He trusted God's Word concerning the promise.

He depended upon God's faithfulness.

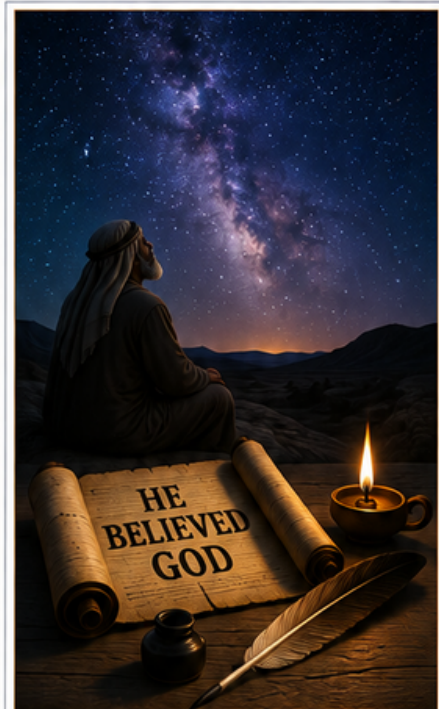
He did not depend upon his ability.

He did not depend upon his works.

He did not depend upon the Law.

He believed God, and God counted it unto him for righteousness.

**RIGHTEOUSNESS IS RECEIVED BY FAITH.
IT WAS TRUE FOR ABRAHAM THEN.
IT IS TRUE FOR BELIEVERS TODAY.**



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Abraham was justified by faith.
- This was before the Law was given.
- Works were not the basis of his righteousness.
- Faith was the basis of his standing with God.
- The same is true for believers today.

THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

*God looks at what you believe,
not at what you do.
Faith is the foundation
of righteousness.*

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Genesis 15:6
Romans 4:1-3