Romans 4

Chapter 4

- 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.
- ⁴ Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.
- ⁵ But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.
- ⁶ Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,
- ⁷ Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.
- ⁸ Blessed *is* the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.
- ⁹ *Cometh* this blessedness then upon the circumcision *only*, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.
- ¹⁰ How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.
- ¹¹ And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the

righteousness of the faith which *he had yet* being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

- ¹² And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which *he had* being *yet* uncircumcised.
- ¹³ For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.
- ¹⁴ For if they which are of the law *be* heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:
- ¹⁵ Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, *there is* no transgression.
- ¹⁶ Therefore *it is* of faith, that *it might be* by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,
- ¹⁷ (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.
- ¹⁸ Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which

was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

- ¹⁹ And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:
- ²⁰ He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;
- ²¹ And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.
- ²² And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.
- ²³ Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;
- ²⁴ But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;
- ²⁵ Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.