

## HOW TO BE ACCEPTED BY GOD

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### Romans 4:1-17

In Romans 3:28 Paul states the principle that it is only by faith that we can have a right relationship to God. Now, in chapter 4, he uses the true-life example of Abraham to illustrate this important truth.

#### I. TWO IMPORTANT WORDS

\* "JUSTIFIED" \_\_\_\_\_

\* "CREDITED" \_\_\_\_\_

#### II. HOW CAN I BE ACCEPTED BY GOD?

Abraham shows us ...

1. We don't become acceptable to God by \_\_\_\_\_. Romans 4:1-8

vs. 2 - no bragging

vs. 3 - See Genesis 15:1-6

vs. 4-5 - wages versus a gift

vs. 6-8 - David agrees with Abraham

2. We don't become acceptable to God by \_\_\_\_\_. Romans 4:9-12

Compare Genesis 15:6 with 17:23

Which came first?

The purpose of this rite:

3. We don't become acceptable to God by \_\_\_\_\_. Romans 4:13-15

How long did Abraham live before the Law was given?

See Galatians 3:17-25 for a full explanation of the Law's purpose:

4. The only way we are acceptable to God is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### III. WHY DID GOD MAKE OUR ACCEPTANCE BASED ONLY BY OUR FAITH?

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