"Righteousness Credited"
Series: Romans
Romans 4:1-25
Pastor Jim Oakley – February 16, 2020

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1) WE ARE CREDITED RIGHTEOUSNESS (vs. 1-3)

2) BLESSED FORGIVENESS (vs. 4-6)

3) BEFORE ANY WORKS (vs. 7-12)

4) APART FROM OBEYING THE LAW (vs. 13-15)

5) BY FAITH IN THE GIVER OF NEW LIFE (vs. 16-25)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Romans 5:1-21

Discussion Questions

1) Looking back at Romans so far, why is the example of Abraham a helpful illustration for Jews and Gentiles?

2) Summarize God's covenant promise to Abraham in Genesis 17:1-8.

3) What was Abraham's response to God's promises in Genesis 15:1-6?

4) If being "credited" is a financial term, what's the analogy of Abraham being credited righteousness?

5) What is the difference between wages and a gift?

6) When was Abraham credited righteousness: before or after circumcision?

7) Why is the order of those events significant?

8) How is Abraham father of the circumcised and all believers?

9) How is Abraham's faith described in verses 18-21?

10) Who else can be credited righteousness according to verses 22-25?

11) If we're only credited with righteousness by grace through faith, why do we often feel the need to work to earn God's favor?

12) How does this passage challenge or encourage you?

13) How can we pray for you this week?