

# Abraham, the Example

Romans 4:1-25

“In hope, against all human hope,  
 Self-desperate, I believe...  
 Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees,  
 And looks to that alone;  
 Laughs at impossibilities  
 And cries: It shall be done!”  
 Charles Wesley

## What Paul assumes you know about Abraham

1. God called him and promised him posterity and property (Gen. 12).
2. Abraham believed God’s promises (Gen. 15).
3. God gave circumcision as the sign of the covenant (Gen. 17).
4. God tested Abraham by asking him to sacrifice Isaac (Gen. 22).

“faith” (pistis) = \_\_\_\_\_

“counted” = \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_

Justification is:

1. Not by \_\_\_\_\_ (1-8)

2. Not by \_\_\_\_\_ (9-12)

3. Not by \_\_\_\_\_ (13-17a)

## Three arguments

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Linguistic

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. By \_\_\_\_\_ (17b-25)

## The Nature of Saving Faith

- \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s power (17b-19)
- Wins the \_\_\_\_\_ (20)

“unbelief” apistia	“waver” diakrino	“faith” pistis
_____	_____	trust

- Trusts in God’s faithfulness (21b)