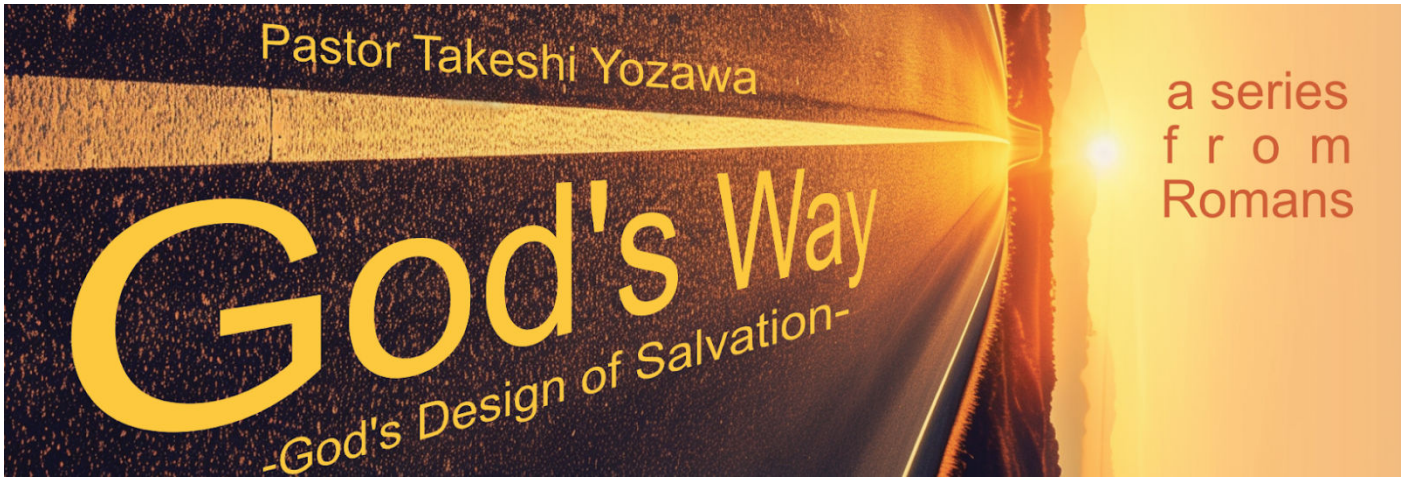
Message Outline



Righteousness Credited!

Romans 4:1-12

I. Introduction

II. Righteousness Credited!

Romans 4:1-3 (CSB)

1 What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? 2 If Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about — but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? **Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him for righteousness**.

"The LORD appeared to Abram and said. 'To your offspring I will give this land.'" (Genesis 12:7a, CSB)

"I am your shield; your reward will be very great." (Genesis 15:1b, CSB)

“Abram continued, ‘Look, you have given me no offspring.’” (Genesis 15:3b, CSB)

“‘Take your son,’ he said, ‘your only son Isaac, whom you love, go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.’” (Genesis 22:2, CSB)

“Then Solomon began to build the LORD’s temple in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah …” (2Chronicles 3:1a, CSB)

“Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day; he saw it and was glad.” (John 8:56, CSB)

*“Now the Scripture saw in advance that God would justify the Gentiles by faith and proclaimed the gospel ahead of time to Abraham, saying, “**All the nations will be blessed through you.**” (Galatians 3:8, CSB)*

Romans 4:4-5 (CSB)

4 Now to the one who works, pay is not credited as a gift, but as something owed. 5 But to the one who does not work, but believes on him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited for righteousness.

Romans 4:6-8 (CSB)

6 Likewise, David also speaks of the blessing of

the person to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: [7] **Blessed are those whose lawless acts are forgiven and whose sins are covered.** [8] **Blessed is the person the Lord will never charge with sin**.

Romans 4:9-11a (CSB)

[9] Is this blessing only for the circumcised, then? Or is it also for the uncircumcised? For we say, **Faith was credited to Abraham for righteousness**. [10] In what way, then, was it credited — while he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? It was not while he was circumcised, but uncircumcised. [11] And he received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while still uncircumcised.

Romans 4:11b-12 (CSB)

[11b] This was to make him the father of all who believe but are not circumcised, so that righteousness may be credited to them also. [12] And he became the father of the circumcised, who are not only circumcised but who also follow in the footsteps of the faith our father Abraham had while he was still uncircumcised.

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