

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

“For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

(Hebrews 4:12)

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

“Not Ashamed of the Gospel”

**“For I am *not ashamed of the gospel* of Christ,
for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone
who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.
For in it the *righteousness of God* is revealed from faith to faith;
as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’”**

(Romans 1:16,17)

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B. EXAMPLE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

(Romans 4:1–25)

1. *Apart from Works* *(vv 1–8)*

- 1** What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found (*gained*) according to the flesh? **2** For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God ...
- 4** Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

B. EXAMPLE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

(Romans 4:1–25)

**2. Apart from
"Ritual"** *(vv 9–12)*

9 Does this blessedness then come upon the circumcised only, or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say that faith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness. **10** How then was it accounted?

B. EXAMPLE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

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2. Apart from "Ritual" (vv 9–12)

11 And he received the sign of circumcision, *a seal of the righteousness of the faith* which he had *while still uncircumcised*, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also ...

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3. Apart from the Law *(vv 13–15)*

13 For the promise that he would 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 those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, **15** because the law brings about wrath ...

B. EXAMPLE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

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4. Through Faith

(vv 16–25)

16 Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all

17 (as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) ...

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Abraham exemplified God's righteousness
not by works, ritual, or the law;
but through faith.

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18In hope he believed against hope ... **19**And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

20He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, **21**and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

22And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

(Romans 4:18–22)