

# THE ROMAN ROAD

## Model Faith

### Romans 4:1-12

#### 1. **Faith + nothing** = Salvation

##### **Romans 4:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say?

“Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”

<sup>4</sup> Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

##### **Ephesians 2:8-9**

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast.

##### **1 Corinthians 11:1**

Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

##### **Hebrews 11:1**

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

##### **Hebrews 11:8**

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

##### **Romans 4:4**

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#### A) Abraham's faith was tested against **idolatry**

##### **Genesis 12:1**

Now the Lord had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you.”

#### B) Abraham's faith was tested for **sufficiency**

##### **Genesis 13:10**

And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar.

##### **Genesis 13:18**

Then Abram moved his tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron [Communion], and built an altar there to the Lord.

#### C) Abraham's faith was tested for **ownership**

##### **Genesis 14:20**

“. . . Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” And he gave him tithe of all.

## 2. Faith + **works** = false religion

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

### ***Romans 4:5-8***

<sup>5</sup> But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,

<sup>6</sup> just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup> Blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin.”

## 3. Faith is the means of **imparted righteousness**

### ***Romans 4:9-12***

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> How then was it accounted? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised.

<sup>11</sup> 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,

<sup>12</sup> and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised.

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