

# Paul Proves the Gospel from the OT (Pt. 3)

*Romans 4:1-8*



# I. On What Basis Are We Made Right with God (1-8)?

## A. The Basis of Justification Identified (1-3)

1. Cannot be works, because that would allow us to boast before God (2).
2. Cannot be works, because that is contrary to Scripture (3).

## B. The Basis of Justification Explained (4-5)

1. Option #1: Earned and deserved (4).
2. Option #2: Unearned and undeserved (5).

## C. The Basis of Justification Reinforced (6-8)

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1. Justification by faith alone is taught throughout the OT (6).
2. Justification is the heart of God's promise to make Abraham a blessing to the nations (6-9).
3. Justification is a blessing available only to individuals (6).
4. Justification is the work of God (6).
5. In justification, God credits actual righteousness to the sinner's account (6).
6. Justification is completely of grace (6).
7. Justification includes the forgiveness of sins (7-8).
  - a. God credits our sins to Christ.
    - i. God does not leave our sins in our account.
    - ii. God credits our sins to Christ.
  - b. God credits Christ's righteousness to us.