

Romans 4:1 -6 Father Abraham: saved not by works but faith

4:1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather

Greek: "Eureka"
"discovered" Salvation is always a "discovery"

the question —
What has he discovered

according to the flesh, has found?² For if Abraham was

the answer? —

justified by works, he **has** something to boast about, but not

Abraham discovered salvation through faith

before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say?—"ABRAHAM

Paul appeals to what the scripture said

BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED) TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS."

Abraham's (salvation was a gift... an "imputation" coming as a response to his believing the promise of God

If Abraham is saved by works he CAN boast... but "not before God"

⁴ Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a

Abraham's faith becomes a standard for all mankind

favor, but as what is due. ⁵ But to the one who does not

1. the unworthy

¹ work, but ³ believes in Him who justifies the ² (un)godly, his faith

2. the ungodly

3. who believes in Jesus

is credited as righteousness, ⁶ just as David also speaks of the

Place to the believer's account

blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness

literally "declared as righteous"

apart from works