

Romans 4:16 - 25 *Saving Faith Examined*

¹⁶ For this reason *it is* by faith, in order that *it may be* in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, 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

Both the Jew and the church look to Abraham as their father

¹⁷ (as it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the

What did faith look like in Abraham?

- 1. He has a promise from God
- 2. He believed the promise
- 3. The promise of a God of the miraculous: "life from the dead" (4x)
- 4. ...and a God of creation
- 5. "against all hope"

dead and calls into being that which does not exist. ¹⁸ In hope

against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, "SO SHALL

YOUR DESCENDANTS BE." ¹⁹ Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb;

6. he did not "waver in unbelief"

²⁰ yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹ and being

7. he grew strong in faith

fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to

perform. ²² Therefore IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

²³ Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him, ²⁴ but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those

Abraham became the standard for the Christian

who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

Death brought life

²⁵ He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and

was raised because of our justification.