

ROMANS



Abraham -

4:1-5

Colosseum



**Circus Maximus
eastern seats**



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from east**

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KEY TERMS

- 1. Law - OT & Pentateuch**
- 2. Righteousness - right standing before God**
- 3. Justification - forgiveness of sin & declaration of righteousness**
- 4. Grace - undeserved favor**
- 5. Redemption - buying out of slavery**
- 6. Propitiation - God's justice satisfied**

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- 4. Excludes boasting - 3:27**
- 5. Justification of Jew & Gentile - 3:30**

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- 1. Friend of God - Isa 41:8, Jas 2:23**
- 2. God of Abraham - Ex 3:16**
- 3. Believer's father - Gal 3:7**
- 4. Great faith - Heb 11:8-19**
- 5. Father of Nation - Rom 4:1**

**greatest OT example of
justification by faith**

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JEWISH ASSUMPTION

“Abraham was perfect in all his deeds with the Lord, and well-pleasing in righteousness all the days of his life.”

Jubilees 23:10, 2nd C. BC

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works, his wage **is not credited** as a favor,
but as what is due. 5 But to the one who
does not work, but believes in Him who
justifies the ungodly, his faith **is credited** as
righteousness, 6 just as David also speaks of
the blessing on the man to whom God **credits**
righteousness apart from works:

4:8-11 “BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT.” 9
Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, **“FAITH WAS CREDITED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.” 10** How then was it credited? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised; 11 and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them,

4:22-24 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 who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

λογίζομαι (logizomai)

1. Term - logic (λογος),
mathematical, accounting
2. Illust. - Phlm 18, co-signing loan
3. To consider, regard, or reason
something as true - Ac 19:27,
1Cor 13:11, Rom 8:18, Heb 11:19
4. To be included or numbered with
something - Lk 22:37 (Isa 53:12)

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5. Theologically = to credit
something spiritually - Rom 4,
Gal 3:6

Sea of Galilee

A photograph of the Sea of Galilee at sunset. The sun is a bright yellow orb on the right side of the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection across the water. In the foreground, a dark pier with several vertical posts and a truss bridge structure extends into the water. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, and the water is dark with some ripples. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

**Imputation is a wonderful gift
of God's unfathomable grace!!!**