

ROMANS



Abraham -

4:6-12

Colosseum



**Circus Maximus
eastern seats**

OUTLINE

- I. Introduction** 1:1-17
- II. Prov. of God's Righteousness** 1:18-8:39
 - A. Condemnation** 1:18-3:20
 - B. Justification** 3:21-5:21
 - 1. Provision of Justification** 3:21-26
 - 2. Priority of Justification** 3:27-31
 - 3. Pattern for Justification** 4
 - 4. Profit from Justification** 5

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Mt Ebal & Shechem from Mt Gerizim







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- 6. Promise restated - 13:14-17**
- 7. Covenant at ~85 - 15:1-6**

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λογίζομαι (logizomai)

5. Theologically = to credit

**something spiritually - Rom 4,
Gal 3:6**

➤ **Sin imputed on man - Rom 5:13**

➤ **Sin imputed on Christ - 2Cor 5:21**

➤ **Righteousness imputed - 3:21-26**

KEY TERMS

7. Imputation - to credit to one's account

GENERAL LEDGER

count: _____ Account No: _____

Date	Description	Code	Debit	Credit	Balance

**Forgiveness
of Sin**

Righteousness

Justification

THEOLOGY - IMPUTATION

- 1. Work of God's Justice - either condemnation or blessing credited**
- 2. Work of God's Grace - righteousness credited**
- 3. Judicial - crediting something not due**
- 4. Not impartation - not making righteous but declaring righteous**

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5. Tie-in - λογίζομαι

CONCLUSIONS

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+ imputation of righteousness (3, 6)**
- 2. OT justification before Law is by
grace thru faith apart from **works****

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JEWISH VIEW

Uncircumcised - “belongs not to the covenant which the Lord made with Abraham, for he belongs to the children of destruction; nor is there moreover any sign on him that he is the Lord’s, but (he is destined) to be destroyed and slain from the earth, and rooted out of the earth ...

(Book of Jubilees)

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- 8. Ishmael born at 86 - 16:16**
- 9. Covenant renewed at 99 - 17:1-8**
- 10. Isaac born at 100 - 21:1-5**

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FATHERHOOD

- 1. Father of nation Israel -
physical, literal circumcision**
- 2. Pledge of nationality - token of
headship of Israel over nations**
- 3. Father of all justified by faith -**

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Sea of Galilee

**3 witnesses of justification by
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Abraham, David, & NT!!!**