**CHAPTER 4**

*Abraham was not justified by works done, as of himself; but by grace, and by faith; and that before he was circumcised. Gentiles, by faith are his children.*

**1** What shall we say then that Abraham hath found, who is our father according to the flesh.

**2** For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory, but not before God.

**3** For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was reputed to him unto justice.

**4** Now to him that worketh, the reward is not reckoned according to grace, but according to debt.

**5** But to him that worketh not, yet believeth in him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is reputed to justice, according to the purpose of the grace of God.

**6** As David also termeth the blessedness of a man, to whom God reputeth justice without works:

**7** Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

**8** Blessed is the man to whom the Lord hath not imputed sin.

**9** This blessedness then, doth it remain in the circumcision only, or in the uncircumcision also? For we say that unto Abraham faith was reputed to justice.

**10** How then was it reputed? When he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.

**11** And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the justice of the faith, which he had, being uncircumcised; that he might be the father of all them that believe, being uncircumcised, that unto them also it may be reputed to justice:

**12** And he might be the father of circumcision; not to them only, that are of the circumcision, but to them also that follow the steps of the faithful, that is in the uncircumcision of our father Abraham.

**13** For not through the law was the promise to Abraham, or to his seed, that he should be heir of the world; but through the justice of faith.

**14** For if they who are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, the promise is made of no effect.

**15** For the law worketh wrath. For where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

**16** Therefore is it of faith, that according to grace the promise might be firm to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

**17** (As it is written: I have made thee a father of many nations,) before God, whom he believed, who quickeneth the dead; and calleth those things that are not, as those that are.

**18** Who against hope believed in hope; that he might be made the father of many nations, according to that which was said to him: So shall thy seed be.

**19** And he was not weak in faith; neither did he consider his own body now dead, whereas he was almost an hundred years old, nor the dead womb of Sara.

**20** In the promise also of God he staggered not by distrust; but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God:

**21** Most fully knowing, that whatsoever he has promised, he is able also to perform.

**22** And therefore it was reputed to him unto justice.

**23** Now it is not written only for him, that it was reputed to him unto justice,

**24** But also for us, to whom it shall be reputed, if we believe in him, that raised up Jesus Christ, our Lord, from the dead,

**25** Who was delivered up for our sins, and rose again for our justification.