



Romans 4:16-25  
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## **Background of Romans:**

### **Scripture:**

16 So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe. 17 That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.

18 Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, "That's how many descendants you will have!" 19 And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah's womb.

20 Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. 21 He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises. 22 And because of Abraham's faith, God counted him as righteous. 23 And when God counted him as righteous, it wasn't just for Abraham's benefit. It was recorded 24 for our benefit, too, assuring us that God will also count us as righteous if we believe in him, the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. 25 He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God. (Romans 4:16-25 NLT)

### **v. 16 Receiving the Promise**

Promise

Faith/Believe

Law

Gift/Grace

### **v. 17 Because Abraham Believed**

Believe IN vs. Believe ABOUT

Resurrection

**v. 18-19 Hope Against Hope**

What is God saying to you?  
What are God's promises to you?

"Christian Atheists"

**v. 20-21 For God's Glory**

Promise - God is able to fulfill his promises.

He Brought Glory to God

**vv. 22-25 Counted as Righteous**

Righteous/Just Righteousness/Justice

Righteousness of God

"He is the Rock, his works are perfect,  
and all his ways are just.  
A faithful God who does no wrong,  
upright and just is he." Deuteronomy 32:4 (NIV)

God Counted Abraham as Righteous

Justification through Faith