More than wondering what we know more than Abraham, I wonder what Abraham knew more than we.

Founded by God

Romans 4

¹What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the <u>flesh</u>, hath <u>found</u>? <u>Flesh</u> – NT:4561 – sarx (sarx); probably from the base of NT:4563; flesh (as stripped of the skin), i.e. (strictly) the meat of an animal (as food), or (by extension) the body (as opposed to the soul [or spirit], or as the symbol of what is external, or as the means of kindred), or (by implication) human nature (with its frailties [physically or morally] and passions), or (specifically) a human being (as such): KJV - carnal (-ly, -ly minded), flesh ([-ly]).

<u>Found</u> – NT:2147 – heurisko (hyoo-ris'-ko); a prolonged form of a primary heuro (hyoo'-ro); which (together with another cognate form heureo (hyoo-reh'-o)) is used for it in all the tenses except the present and imperfect; to find (literally or figuratively):

KJV - find, get, obtain, perceive, see.

Genesis 6 ... Noah

⁸ But **Noah found grace** in the eyes of the LORD.

Found – OT:4672 \ Table Table

KJV - + be able, befall, being, catch, ^x certainly, (cause to) come (on, to, to hand), deliver, be enough (cause to) find (-ing, occasion, out), get (hold upon), ^x have (here), be here, hit, be left, light (up-) on, meet (with), ^x occasion serve, (be) present, ready, speed, suffice, take hold on.

Jeremiah 31 ... Israelites

² Thus saith the LORD, The people which were left of the sword **found grace in the wilderness**; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.

Job 19

²³Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!

1 Corinthians 3

²⁴ That they were **graven with an iron pen** and **lead in the rock** for ever!

²⁵ For I know that **my redeemer liveth**, and that **he shall stand** at the **latter day** upon the **earth**:

²⁶ And though **after my skin worms destroy this body**, yet **in my flesh shall I see God**:

¹¹ For other **foundation** can **no man lay** than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Founded by God (cont)

Romans 4 (cont)

¹What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the <u>flesh</u>, hath <u>found</u>?

Galatians 4 ...found that he was known of God

⁹ But now, after that **ye have known God**, or rather **are known of God**, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

Psalm 8

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

It is not just knowing but being known of God and if known of God then seeing The God of Wrath who Loves us... Then we have seen God.

1 John 3 ... Perceive Love of God

¹⁶ Hereby **perceive we the love of God**, because **He laid down His life for** us: and **we ought to lay down our lives** for the brethren.

Galatians 1

¹² For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 3

- ²If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:
- ³ How that **by revelation He made known unto me the mystery**; (as I wrote afore in few words,
- ⁴Whereby, when ye **read**, ye may **understand** my **knowledge in the mystery of Christ**)
- ⁵ Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

Romans 1

¹⁷ For therein is the **righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith**: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith**.

1 Corinthians 2

- ⁹ But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.
- ¹⁰ But **God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit**: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
- ¹¹ For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of **God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.**

Not by Works

Romans 4

² For **if** Abraham were <u>justified</u> by <u>works</u>, he <u>hath</u> whereof to <u>glory</u> [among man]; but [contrariwise] **not** before God [theos].

<u>Justified</u> – NT:1344 – dikaioo (dik-ah-yo'-o); from NT:1342; to render (i.e. show or regard as) just or innocent: KJV - free, justify (-ier), be righteous.

<u>Works</u> – NT:2041 – ergon (er'-gon); from a primary (but obsolete) ergo (to work); toil (as an effort or occupation); by implication, an act: KJV - deed, doing, labour, work.

<u>Hath</u> – NT:2192 – echo (ekh'-o); including an alternate form scheo (skheh'-o); used in certain tenses only); a primary verb; to hold (used in very various applications, literally or figuratively, direct or remote; such as possessions; ability, contiuity, relation, or condition):

KJV - be (able, hold, possessed with), accompany, begin to amend, can (+-not), conceive, count, diseased, do eat, enjoy, fear, following, have, hold, keep, lack, go to law, lie, must needs, of necessity, need, next, recover, reign, rest, return, sick, take for, tremble, uncircumcised, use.

<u>Glory</u> – NT:2745 – kauchema (kow'-khay-mah); from NT:2744; a boast (properly, the object; by implication, the act) in a good or a bad sense:

KJV - boasting, (whereof) to glory (of), glorying, rejoice (-ing).

Galatians 2 ... no man is exempt

¹⁶ Knowing that a man is **not** justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of

Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall **no** flesh be justified.

Romans 11 ...by election (grace vs works)

⁵ Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the **election of grace**.

Romans 3 ...not by man

²⁷ Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the **law of** faith.

Romans 4 ... Without Circumcision

⁹Cometh this <u>blessedness</u> then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that **faith was <u>reckoned</u> to [concluded for ~ imputed] Abraham for righteousness**.

<u>Blessedness</u> – NT:3108 – makarismos (mak-ar-is-mos'); from NT:3106; beatification, i.e. attribution of good fortune: KJV - blessedness.

<u>Reckoned</u> – NT:3049 – logizomai (log-id'-zom-ahee); middle voice from NT:3056; to take an inventory, i.e. estimate (literally or figuratively):

KJV - conclude, (ac-) count (of), despise, esteem, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, think

HOW?!...

⁶ And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

Not by Works (cont)

Romans 4 ... Without Works

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

Abraham was pronounced justified before when he was 99 he was circumcised!

Galatians 3 ...minister by the Spirit

⁵ He therefore that **ministereth to you the Spirit**, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or **by the hearing of faith?**

⁶Even as **Abraham believed God**, and **it was accounted to him for righteousness**.

Note carefully, it is not the other way around... Abraham is not the children of us! His faith preceded our same faith! Father Abraham's faith was in fact a blessing for those who should be the Seed of Abraham. We are born free.

Galatians 3 ...the law is holy and too perfect for man.

¹⁰ For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

⁷ Know ye therefore that **they which are of faith**, the same are the **children of Abraham**.

Not by Works (cont)

Romans 4 ... By Grace

⁴ Now to him that worketh is the <u>reward</u> not <u>reckoned</u> of <u>grace</u>, but of <u>debt</u>.

<u>Reward</u> – NT:3408 – misthos (mis-thos'); apparently a primary word; pay for services (literally or figuratively), good or bad: KJV - hire, reward, wages.

<u>Reckoned</u> – NT:3049 – logizomai (log-id'-zom-ahee); middle voice from NT:3056; to take an inventory, i.e. estimate (literally or figuratively):

KJV - conclude, (ac-) count (of), despise, esteem, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, thinkfrom – NT:3056 – logos (log'-os); from NT:3004; something said (including the thought); by implication a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation; specifically (with the article in John) the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ):

KJV - account, cause, communication, concerning, doctrine, fame, have to do, intent, matter, mouth, preaching, question, reason, reckon, remove, say (-ing), shew, speaker, speech, talk, thing, none of these things move me, tidings, treatise, utterance, word, work.

<u>Grace</u> – NT:5485 – charis (khar'-ece); from NT:5463; graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude):

KJV - acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace (-ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thank (-s, -worthy). <u>Debt</u> - NT:3783 - opheilema (of-i'-lay-mah); from (the alternate of) NT:3784; something owed, i.e. (figuratively) a due; morally, a fault: KJV - debt.

...from – NT:3784 – opheilo (of-i'-lo); or (in certain tenses) its prolonged form opheileo (of-i-leh'-o); probably from the base of NT:3786 (through the idea of accruing); to owe (pecuniarily); figuratively, to be under obligation (ought, must, should); morally, to fail in duty: KJV - behove, be bound, (be) debt (-or), (be) due (-ty), be guilty (indebted), (must) need (-s), ought, owe, should. See also NT:3785.

James 2

¹⁰ For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

Imputed Righteousness

Romans 4

⁶Even as David also <u>describeth</u> the <u>blessedness</u> of the man, unto whom God <u>imputeth</u> righteousness without [separate, apart from] works,

<u>Describeth</u> – NT:3004 – lego (leg'-o); a primary verb; properly, to "lay" forth, i.e. (figuratively) relate (in words [usually of systematic or set discourse; whereas NT:2036 and NT:5346 generally refer to an individual expression or speech respectively; while NT:4483 is properly, to break silence merely, and NT:2980 means an extended or random harangue]); by implication, to mean:

KJV - ask, bid, boast, call, describe, give out, name, put forth, say (-ing, on), shew, speak, tell, utter. <u>Blessedness</u> – NT:3108 – makarismos (mak-ar-is-mos'); from NT:3106; beatification, i.e. attribution of good fortune: KJV - blessedness.

...from – NT:3106 – makarizo (mak-ar-id'-zo); fom NT:3107; to beatify, i.e. pronounce (or esteem) fortunate: KJV - call blessed, count happy.

<u>Imputeth</u> – NT:3049 – logizomai (log-id'-zom-ahee); middle voice from NT:3056; to take an inventory, i.e. estimate (literally or figuratively):

KJV - conclude, (ac-) count (of), despise, esteem, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, think

Psalm 32 ... David

² Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth **not** iniquity, and in whose spirit there is **no guile**.

Galatians 2

¹⁶ Knowing that a man is **not** justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and **not** by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall **no** flesh be justified.

Romans 4 ...by God

²² And therefore it was **imputed** to him for righteousness.

<u>Imputed</u> – NT:3049 – logizomai (log-id'-zom-ahee); middle voice from NT:3056; to take an inventory, i.e. estimate (literally or figuratively):

KJV - conclude, (ac-) count (of), despise, esteem, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, think <u>For</u> – NT:1519 – eis (ice); a primary preposition; to or into (indicating the point reached or entered), of place, time, or (figuratively) purpose (result, etc.); also in adverbial phrases:

KJV - [abundantly-], against, among, as, at, [back-] ward, before, by, concerning, continual, far more exceeding, for [intent, purposefore], forth, in (among, at, unto, -so much that, -to), to the intent that, of one mind, never, of, (up-) on, perish, set at one again, (so) that, therefore (-unto), throughout, til, to (be, the end, -ward), (here-) until (-to), ... ward, [wherefore-], with. Often used in composition with the same general import, but only with verbs (etc.) expressing motion (literally or figuratively).

<u>Righteousness</u> – NT:1343 – dikaiosune (dik-ah-yos-oo'-nay); from NT:1342; equity (of character or act); specially (Christian) justification: KJV - righteousness.

Imputed Righteousness (cont)

Romans 4 One and the Same Baptism

²³ Now it was **not written for his sake alone**, that it was **imputed to him**;

Romans 4 ... Same Revelation

²⁴ But for us also, to whom it shall be **imputed**, if we <u>believe</u> on Him that <u>raised</u> up Jesus our <u>Lord</u> from the dead;

<u>Believe</u> – NT:4100 – pisteuo (pist-yoo'-o); from NT:4102; to have faith (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), i.e. credit; by implication, to entrust (especially one's spiritual well-being to Christ): KJV - believe (-r), commit (to trust), put in trust with.

<u>Raised</u> – NT:1453 – egeiro (eg-i'-ro); probably akin to the base of NT:58 (through the idea of collecting one's faculties); to waken (transitively or intransitively), i.e. rouse (literally, from sleep, from sitting or lying, from disease, from death; or figuratively, from obscurity, inactivity, ruins, nonexistence): KJV - awake, lift (up), raise (again, up), rear up, (a-) rise (again, up), stand, take up.

<u>Lord</u> – NT:2962 – kurios (koo'-ree-os); from kuros (supremacy); supreme in authority, i.e. (as noun) controller; by implication, Mr. (as a respectful title): KJV - God, Lord, master, Sir.

Romans 4 ... Scriptural through belief

³ For what saith the <u>scripture</u>? **Abraham <u>believed</u> God**, and it was <u>counted</u> unto him for righteousness.

Scripture – NT:1124 – graphe (graf-ay'); a document, i.e. holy Writ (or its contents or a statement in it): KJV - scripture.

<u>Believed</u> – NT:4100 – pisteuo (pist-yoo'-o); from NT:4102; to have faith (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), i.e. credit; by implication, to entrust (especially one's spiritual well-being to Christ): KJV - believe (-r), commit (to trust), put in trust with.

...from – NT:4102 – pistis (pis'-tis); from NT:3982; persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself: KJV - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

 $\underline{\text{Counted}}$ – NT:3049 – logizomai (log-id'-zom-ahee); middle voice from NT:3056; to take an inventory, i.e. estimate (literally or figuratively):

KJV - <u>conclude</u>, (ac-) count (of), despise, esteem, <u>impute</u>, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, think (on).

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<u>Righteousness</u> – NT:1343 – dikaiosune (dik-ah-yos-oo'-nay); from NT:1342; equity (of character or act); specially (Christian) justification: KJV - righteousness.

...from – NT:1342 – dikaios (dik'-ah-yos); from NT:1349; equitable (in character or act); by implication, innocent, holy (absolutely or relatively): KJV - just, meet, right (-eous).

Imputed Righteousness (cont)

James 2

- ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?
- ²² Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?
- ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was <u>imputed</u> unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

Imputed – NT:3049 λογίζομαι **logizomai** (log-id'-zom-ahee); middle voice from NT:3056; to take an inventory, i.e. estimate (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - conclude, (ac-) count (of), + despise, esteem, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, think (on).

Hebrews 11

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

Forgiveness of Sins

Romans 4

⁷ Saying, Blessed are they whose <u>iniquities</u> are <u>forgiven</u>, and whose sins are <u>covered</u>.

<u>Iniquities</u> – NT:458 – anomia (an-om-ee'-ah); from NT:459; illegality, i.e. violation of law or (genitive case) wickedness: KJV - iniquity, transgress (-ion of) the law, unrighteousness.

 \dots from – NT:459 – anomos (an'-om-os); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and NT:3551; lawless, i.e. (negatively) not subject to (the Jewish) law; (by implication, a Gentile), or (positively) wicked:

KJV - without law, lawless, transgressor, unlawful, wicked.

<u>Forgiven</u> – NT:863 – aphiemi (af-ee'-ay-mee); from NT:575 and hiemi (to send; an intens. form of eimi, to go); to send forth, in various applications (as follow):

KJV - cry, forgive, forsake, lay aside, leave, let (alone, be, go, have), omit, put (send) away, remit, suffer, yield up.

...from – NT:575 – apo (apo'); a primary particle; "off," i.e. away (from something near), in various senses (of place, time, or relation; literal or figurative):

KJV - (X here-) after, ago, at, because of, before, by (the space of), for (-th), from, in, (out) of, off, (up-) on (-ce), since, with. In composition (as a prefix) it usually denotes separation, departure, cessation, completion, reversal, etc.

<u>Covered</u> – NT:1943 – epikalupto (ep-ee-kal-oop'-to); from NT:1909 and NT:2572; to conceal, i.e. (figuratively) forgive: KJV - cover.

Romans 4 ... Without Sin

<u>Impute</u> – NT:3107 – makarios (mak-ar'-ee-os); a prolonged form of the poetical makar (meaning the same); supremely blest; by extension, fortunate, well off:

<u>Blessed</u> – NT:3107 – makarios (mak-ar'-ee-os); a prolonged form of the poetical makar (meaning the same); supremely blest; by extension, fortunate, well off:

KJV - blessed, happy (X -ier).

Romans 5

⁸Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

¹³ (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is **not imputed when there is no law**.

Sealed by Faith

Romans 4

¹¹ And he received the <u>sign</u> of circumcision, a **seal of the righteousness of the faith** which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the **father of all them that believe**, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be <u>imputed</u> unto them also:

<u>Sign</u> – NT:4592 – semeion (say-mi'-on); neuter of a presumed derivative of the base of NT:4591; an indication, especially ceremonially or supernaturally: KJV - miracle, sign, token, wonder.

...from – NT:4591 – semaino (say-mah'-ee-no); from sema (a mark; of uncertain derivation); to indicate: KJV - signify.

<u>Imputed</u> – NT:1343 – dikaiosune (dik-ah-yos-oo'-nay); from NT:1342; equity (of character or act); specially (Christian) justification: KJV - righteousness.

Genesis 15

⁵ And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

⁶ And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Circumcism in the Heart

Romans 4

¹² And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also <u>walk</u> in the <u>steps</u> of that <u>faith</u> of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

<u>Walk</u> – NT:4748 – stoicheo (stoy-kheh'-o); from a derivative of steicho (to range in regular line); to march in (military) rank (keep step), i.e. (fig) to conform to virtue and piety: KJV - walk (orderly). <u>Steps</u> – NT:2487 – ichnos (ikh'-nos); from ikneomai (to arrive; NT:2240); a track (figuratively): KJV - step.

<u>Faith</u> – NT:4102 – pistis (pis'-tis); from NT:3982; persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself:

KJV - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

Promise of Sanctification

Romans 4

¹³ For the <u>promise</u>, that he should be the <u>heir</u> of the world, was not to Abraham, **or to his seed**, through the law, but through the <u>righteousness</u> of <u>faith</u>.

<u>Promise</u> – NT:1860 – epaggelia (ep-ang-el-ee'-ah); from NT:1861; an announcement (for information, assent or pledge; especially a divine assurance of good): KJV - message, promise.

<u>Heir</u> – NT:2818 – kleronomos (klay-ron-om'-os); from NT:2819 and the base of NT:3551 (in its original sense of partitioning, i.e. [reflexively] getting by apportionment); a sharer by lot, i.e. inheritor (literally or figuratively); by implication, a possessor: KJV - heir.

<u>Righteousness</u> – NT:1343 – dikaiosune (dik-ah-yos-oo'-nay); from NT:1342; equity (of character or act); specially (Christian) justification: KJV - righteousness.

...from – NT:1342 – dikaios (dik'-ah-yos); from NT:1349; equitable (in character or act); by implication, innocent, holy (absolutely or relatively): KJV - just, meet, right (-eous).

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KJV - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

Galatians 3

29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Heirs by Faith as Promised

Romans 4

¹⁴ For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made <u>void</u>, and the promise made of <u>none effect</u>: <u>Void</u> – NT:2758 – kenoo (ken-o'-o); from NT:2756; to make empty, i.e. (figuratively) to abase, neutralize, falsify: KJV - make (of none effect, of no reputation, void), be in vain.

 \dots from - NT:2756 - kenos (ken-os'); apparently a primary word; empty (literally or figuratively):

KJV - empty, (in) vain.

None effect – NT:2673 – katargeo (kat-arg-eh'-o); from NT:2596 and NT:691; to be (render) entirely idle (useless), literally or figuratively:

KJV - abolish, cease, cumber, deliver, destroy, do away, become (make) of no (none, without) effect, fail, loose, bring (come) to nought, put away (down), vanish away, make void.

Galatians 3

⁸ And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto **Abraham**, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

Galatians 3

⁹ So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful **Abraham**.

Galatians 3

¹⁸ For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to **Abraham** by promise.

No More Transgressions

Romans 4

¹⁵ Because [by reason of the fact that] the <u>law</u> worketh <u>wrath</u>: for where no law is, there is no <u>transgression</u>.

<u>Law</u> – NT:3551 – nomos (nom'-os); from a primary nemo (to parcel out, especially food or grazing to animals); law (through the idea of prescriptive usage), genitive case (regulation), specifically (of Moses [including the volume]; also of the Gospel), or figuratively (a principle): KJV - law.

<u>Wrath</u> – NT:3709 – orge (or-gay'); from NT:3713; properly, desire (as a reaching forth or excitement of the mind), i.e. (by analogy,) violent passion (ire, or [justifiable] abhorrence); by implication punishment: KJV - anger, indignation, vengeance, wrath.

<u>Transgression</u> – NT:3847 – parabasis (par-ab'-as-is); from NT:3845; violation: KJV - breaking, transgression.

Faith by Unfailing Grace

Romans 4

¹⁶ Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be <u>sure</u> 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**,

<u>Sure</u> – NT:949 – bebaios (beb'-ah-yos); from the base of NT:939 (through the idea of basality); stable (literally or figuratively): KJV - firm, of force, stedfast, sure.

One Faith by a New Creature

Romans 4

¹⁷ (As it is written, I have made thee a **father of many nations**,) <u>before</u> him whom he [Abraham] believed, even God, who <u>quickeneth</u> the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

<u>Before</u> – NT:2713 – katenanti (kat-en'-an-tee); from NT:2596 and NT:1725; directly opposite: KJV - before, over against.

<u>Quickeneth</u> – NT:2227 – zoopoieo (dzo-op-oy-eh'-o); to vitalize (literally or figuratively): KJV - make alive, give life, quicken.

Matthew 22

³¹ But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,

³² I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? **God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.**

³³ And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine.

Relying Upon a Lively Hope

Romans 4

¹⁸ Who <u>against hope</u> believed in hope, that he might <u>become</u> the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, <u>So</u> shall thy <u>seed</u> be.

<u>Against</u> – NT:3844 – para (par-ah'); a primary preposition; properly, near; i.e. (with genitive case) from beside (literally or figuratively), (with dative case) at (or in) the vicinity of (objectively or subjectively), (with accusative case) to the proximity with (local [especially beyond or opposed to] or causal [on account of]:

KJV - above, against, among, at, before, by, contrary to, friend, from, give [such things as they], that [she] had, his, in, more than, nigh unto, (out) of, past, save, side ... by, in the sight of, than, [therefore-], with. In compounds it retains the same variety of application.

<u>Hope</u> – NT:1680 – elpis (el-pece'); from a primary elpo (to anticipate, usually with pleasure); expectation (abstractly or concretely) or confidence: KJV - faith, hope.

<u>Become</u> – NT:1096 – ginomai (ghin'-om-ahee); a prolongation and middle voice form of a primary verb; to cause to be ("gen"- erate), i.e. (reflexively) to become (come into being), used with great latitude (literal, figurative, intensive, etc.):

KJV - arise, be assembled, be (-come, -fall, -haveself), be brought (to pass), (be) come (to pass), continue, be divided, draw, be ended, fall, be finished, follow, be found, be fulfilled, God forbid, grow, happen, have, be kept, be made, be married, be ordained to be, partake, pass, be performed, be published, require, seem, be showed, soon as it was, sound, be taken, be turned, use, wax, will, would, be wrought.

 \underline{So} – NT:3779 – houto (hoo'-to); or (before a vowel) houtos (hoo'-toce); adverb from NT:3778; in this way (referring to what precedes or follows):

KJV - after that, after (in) this manner, as, even (so), for all that, like (-wise), no more, on this fashion (-wise), so (in like manner), thus, what.

<u>Seed</u> – NT:4690 – sperma (sper'-mah); from NT:4687; something sown, i.e. seed (including the male "sperm"); by implication, offspring; specifically, a remnant (figuratively, as if kept over for planting): KJV - issue, seed.

1 Timothy 1

¹Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope;

Titus 1

² In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Hebrews 7

¹⁹ For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

Hebrews 11

¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Relying Upon a Lively Hope (cont)

Romans 4 (cont)

¹⁸ Who <u>against hope</u> believed in hope, that he might <u>become</u> the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, <u>So</u> shall thy <u>seed</u> be.

Hebrews 6

¹⁸ That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

¹⁹ Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

²⁰ Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Confidence

Romans 4

¹⁹ And being not weak [feeble] in faith, he <u>considered</u> not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:

<u>Considered</u> – NT:2657 – katanoeo (kat-an-o-eh'-o); from NT:2596 and NT:3539; to observe fully: KJV - behold, consider, discover, perceive.

Romans 4

He <u>staggered</u> [hesitated] not at the promise of God through <u>unbelief</u>; but was <u>strong</u> in faith, giving <u>glory</u> to <u>God</u>;

<u>Staggered</u> – NT:1252 – diakrino (dee-ak-ree'-no); from NT:1223 and NT:2919; to separate thoroughly, i.e. (literally and reflexively) to withdraw from, or (by implication) oppose; figuratively, to discriminate (by implication, decide), or (reflexively) hesitate:

KJV - contend, make (to) differ (-ence), discern, doubt, judge, be partial, stagger, waver.

<u>Unbelief</u> – NT:570 – apaistia (ap-is-tee'-ah); from NT:571; faithlessness, i.e. (negatively) disbelief (lack of Christian faith), or (positively) unfaithfulness (disobedience): KJV - unbelief.

<u>Strong</u> – NT:1743 – endunamoo (en-doo-nam-o'-o); from NT:1722 and NT:1412; to empower: KJV - enable, (increase in) strength (-en), be (make) strong.

<u>Glory</u> – NT:1391 – doxa (dox'-ah); from the base of NT:1380; glory (as very apparent), in a wide application (literal or figurative, obj or subj): KJV - dignity, glory (-ious), honour, praise, worship. <u>God</u> – NT:2316 – theos (theh'-os); of uncertain affinity; a deity, esp (with NT:3588) the supreme

Divinity; figuratively, a magistrate; by Hebraism, very: KJV - exceeding, God, god [-ly, -ward].

Isaiah 29

²² Therefore thus saith the LORD, who **redeemed Abraham**, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.

Colossians 1

¹⁴ In whom we have **redemption through His blood**, even the **forgiveness of sins**:

Fully Persuaded

Romans 4

²¹ And being fully <u>persuaded</u> that, what he had <u>promised</u>, he was able also to <u>perform</u>.

<u>Persuaded</u> – NT:4135 – plerophoreo (play-rof-or-eh'-o); from NT:4134 and NT:5409; to carry out fully (in evidence), i.e. completely assure (or convince), entirely accomplish:

KJV - most surely believe, fully know (persuade), make full proof of.

...from – NT:4134 – pleres (play'-race); from NT:4130; replete, or covered over; by analogy, complete: KJV - full.

...from – NT:5409 – phoreo (for-eh'-o); from NT:5411; to have a burden, i.e. (by analogy) to wear as clothing or a constant accompaniment: KJV - bear, wear.

<u>Promised</u> – NT:1861 – epaggello (ep-ang-el'-lo); from NT:1909 and the base of NT:32; to announce upon (reflexively), i.e. (by implication) to engage to do something, to assert something respecting oneself: KJV - profess, (make) promise.

<u>Perform</u> – NT:4160 – poieo (poy-eh'-o); apparently a prolonged form of an obsolete primary; to make or do (in a very wide application, more or less direct):

KJV - abide, agree, appoint, avenge, band together, be, bear, bewray, bring (forth), cast out, cause, commit, content, continue, deal, without any delay, (would) do (-ing), execute, exercise, fulfil, gain, give, have, hold, journeying, keep, lay wait, lighten the ship, make, mean, none of these things move me, observe, ordain, perform, provide, have purged, purpose, put, raising up, secure, shew, shoot out, spend, take, tarry, transgress the law, work, yield. Compare NT:4238.

Philippians 1

- ¹ Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:
 - ² Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - ³I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,
 - ⁴ Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,
 - ⁵ For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;
- ⁶ Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Romans 8 ... no separation from God

- Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
- ³⁸ For **I** am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
- ³⁹ Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to **separate us from the love of God**, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Timothy 1

¹² For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

Justification

Romans 4

Deliverer

²⁵ Who was <u>delivered</u> for our <u>offences</u>, and was <u>raised again</u> for our

justification.

<u>Delivered</u> – NT:3860 – paradidomi (par-ad-id'-o-mee); from NT:3844 and NT:1325; to surrender, i.e yield up, intrust, transmit:

KJV - betray, bring forth, cast, commit, deliver (up), give (over, up), hazard, put in prison, recommend. ...from – NT:1325 – didomi (did'-o-mee); a prolonged form of a primary verb (which is used as an altern. in most of the tenses); to give (used in a very wide application, properly, or by implication, literally or figuratively; greatly modified by the connection):

KJV - adventure, bestow, bring forth, commit, deliver (up), give, grant, hinder, make, minister, number, offer, have power, put, receive, set, shew, smite (+with the hand), strike (+with the palm of the hand), suffer, take, utter, yield.

Psalm 18

² **The LORD** is my rock, and my fortress, and **my deliverer**; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Resurrected by God

<u>Raised again</u> – NT:1453 – egeiro (eg-i'-ro); probably akin to the base of NT:58 (through the idea of collecting one's faculties); to waken (transitively or intransitively), i.e. rouse (literally, from sleep, from sitting or lying, from disease, from death; or figuratively, from obscurity, inactivity, ruins, nonexistence): KJV - awake, lift (up), raise (again, up), rear up, (a-) rise (again, up), stand, take up.

Justification

<u>Justification</u> – NT:1347 – dikaiosis (dik-ah'-yo-sis); from NT:1344; acquittal (for Christ's sake): KJV - justification.

James 2

²³ And **the scripture was fulfilled** which saith, **Abraham believed God**, and it was **imputed unto him for righteousness**: and he was called the Friend of God.

Romans 4

⁵ But to him that <u>worketh</u> not, but **believeth on him that justifieth the <u>ungodly</u>**, his <u>faith</u> is counted for <u>righteousness</u>.

<u>Ungodly</u> – NT:765 – asebes (as-eb-ace'); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of NT:4576; irreverant, i.e. (by extension) impious or wicked: KJV - ungodly (man).

<u>Faith</u> – NT:4102 – pistis (pis'-tis); from NT:3982; persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself:

KJV - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

<u>Righteousness</u> – NT:1343 – dikaiosune (dik-ah-yos-oo'-nay); from NT:1342; equity (of character or act); specially (Christian) justification: KJV - righteousness.

...from – NT:1342 – dikaios (dik'-ah-yos); from NT:1349; equitable (in character or act); by implication, innocent, holy (absolutely or relatively): KJV - just, meet, right (-eous).

Justification (cont)

Isaiah 45:25

In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

Matthew 12:37

For by thy words thou shalt be **justified**, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Acts 13:35-40 (King James Version)

- ³⁵Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.
- ³⁶For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:
- ³⁷But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.
- ³⁸Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:
- ³⁹And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Romans 3

²⁴ Being **justified** freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Romans 5

⁹ Much more then, being **now justified by his blood**, we shall be **saved from wrath** through him.

Romans 8

³⁰ Moreover whom **he did predestinate**, them he also **called**: and whom he called, them he also **justified**: and whom he **justified**, them he also **glorified**.

Galatians 2

¹⁶ Knowing that a man is not **justified** by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be **justified** by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be **justified**.

Galatians 3

¹¹ But that no man is **justified** by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

Justification (cont)

Titus 3

⁷ That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life

James 2

²¹ Was not Abraham our father **justified by works**, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

James 2

²⁴ Ye see then how that **by works a man is justified**, and **not by faith only**.

James 2

²⁵ Likewise also was not **Rahab the harlot justified by works**, when she had **received the messengers**, and had sent them out another way?

The Law is still Valid

Romans 3

³¹ Do we then **make void the law** through faith? God forbid: yea, **we establish the law**.

Genesis 26 ...before Moses brought the law in writing

5 Because that **Abraham obeyed my voice**, and **kept my charge**, my **commandments**, my **statutes**, and my **law**s.

Galatians 3

²² But the **Scripture hath concluded all under sin**, that the **promise by faith of Jesus Christ** might be **given** to **them that believe**.

²³ But **before faith** came, we were <u>kept</u> under the law, <u>shut up</u> unto the faith which should afterwards [expected] be revealed.

<u>Kept</u> – <u>NT:5432</u> φρουρέω **phroureo** (froo-reh'-o); from a compound of <u>NT:4253</u> and <u>NT:3708</u>; to be a watcher in advance, i.e. to mount guard as a sentinel (post spies at gates); figuratively, to hem in, protect:

KJV - keep (with a garrison). Compare NT:5083.

Shut up – NT:4788 συγκλείω **sugkleio** (soong-kli'-o); from NT:4862 and NT:2808; to shut together, i.e. include or (figuratively) embrace in a common subjection to: **KJV** - conclude, inclose, shut up.

Revealed – NT:601 ἀποκαλύπτω **apokalupto** (ap-ok-al-oop'-to); from NT:575 and NT:2572; to take off the cover, i.e. disclose: **KJV** - reveal.

Galatians 3

25 But after that **faith is come**, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Hebrews 11:6

But without **faith** it is impossible to please him: for he that **come**th to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

The Faith of Abraham Works!