

WHAT ABOUT ABRAHAM? Romans 4:1-4

2/18/24

I. THE QUESTION — What Has Abraham Found? 1

A. Who Is Abraham And Why Bring Him Up?

1. Abraham Was...
2. Why Bring Up Abraham?

B. The Action Of Abraham.

II. THE PROPOSITION. 2

The Structure Of The Proposition.

The Premise — Abraham Was Justified By Works. 2A

The Conclusion — Abraham Can Boast. 2B

The Rejection — Abraham Cannot Boast Before God. 2C

A. The Premise. 2a

This Premise Is How The Jews Of Paul's Day Would Typically Think Of Abraham—That He Was Justified By The Works Of His Flesh. [Jubilees 6:19; 23:10; Wisdom 10:5; 2Baruch 57:1-2; And Leviticus Rabbah 2:10 (On Lev 1:12)]

B. The Conclusion. 2b

1. The Idea From The Premise Is...
2. So The Conclusion Is (At Least In The Jewish Mind) That Abraham Can Boast.

C. Paul's Rejection. 2c

1. The Conclusion Rejected.
2. Some Agreement.
3. Justification By Works Rejected.

III. THE CORRECTION. 3

A. The Appeal To The "Scriptures"

1. The Place To Find The Truth Is In The Scriptures.
2. What Are "The Scriptures"?
3. Why Would Paul Want To Appeal To The Scriptures?

B. Rom 4:3 With Gen 15:6

1. Rom 4:3
2. Gen 15:6

IV. THE AXIOM. 4-5

Works = Wages

Works + Wages ≠ Grace

Believing = Grace