

“Never Entering - Exceeding Righteousness & Our Father Abraham”



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Matt. 5:20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.



Rom. 3:20 For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.



Rom. 3:22 the righteousness of God
through faith in Jesus Christ for all who
believe. For there is no distinction,



Rom. 3:23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;



Rom. 3:24 they are now justified by his
grace as a gift, through the redemption
that is in Christ Jesus,



Rom. 3:27 ¶ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith.

Rom. 3:28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Rom. 3:29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also,

Rom. 3:30 since God is one; and he will justify the circumcised on the ground of faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith.

Rom. 3:31 Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.



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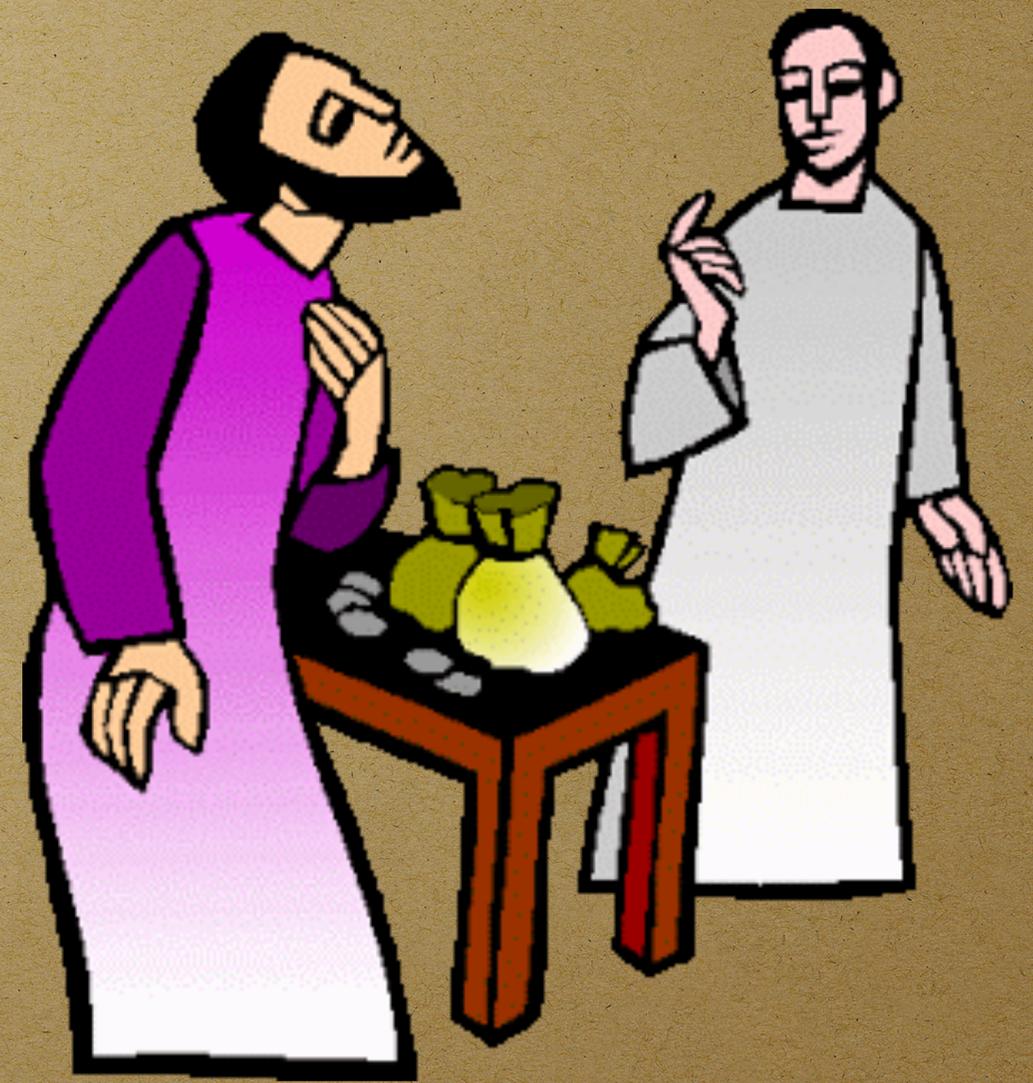
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Matt. 8:11 I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven,



Rom. 4:2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

Rom. 4:3 For what does the scripture say?
“Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.”



Rom. 4:4 Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due.

Rom. 4:5 But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.



Rom. 4:6 So also David speaks
of the blessedness of those to
whom God reckons
righteousness apart from works:



Rom. 4:7 "Blessed are those whose iniquities
are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

Rom. 4:8 blessed is the one against whom the
Lord will not reckon sin."



Rom. 4:9 ¶ Is this blessedness, then,
pronounced only on the
circumcised, or also on the
uncircumcised? We say, "Faith was
reckoned to Abraham as
righteousness."



Rom. 4:10 How then was it reckoned to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised.



Rom. 4:11 He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the ancestor of all who believe without being circumcised and who thus have righteousness reckoned to them, Rom. 4:12 and likewise the ancestor of the circumcised who are not only circumcised but who also follow the example of the faith that our ancestor Abraham had before he was circumcised.



Rom. 4:13 ¶ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.



Rom. 4:14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

Rom. 4:15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.



Rom. 4:16 ¶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, Rom. 4:17 as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.



Rom. 4:19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.



Rom. 4:20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,
Rom. 4:21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.



Rom. 4:22 Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.”



Rom. 4:23 Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone,

Rom. 4:24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

Rom. 4:25 who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.



Matt. 18:3 "...Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

