

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for September 17, 1989

“Abraham Justified By Faith”
Romans 4

Introduction - Illustration helps to make a clear story, also a point of truth.

1. The truth of justification by faith was foreign to the world at the time of this writing. So here in chapter 4 Paul is telling a story to illustrate this truth.

Abraham is chosen as the illustration because of his being the father of the nation.

V. 1 Let's consider Abraham, what has he found concerning efforts according to the flesh.

V. 2 If justified by works he would have something to boast about; but not before God!

No one is justified by works before God. Isaiah 64:6 tells us about Abraham as it tells us about ourselves. Abraham was a sinner, a transgressor just like us. In 1 Corinthians 15:15 Paul tells us I am what I am because of the grace of God.

Why did God choose Abraham? The Jews had it in their heads that Abraham was “perfect in all his deeds before the Lord.”