**WALKING THE ROMAN ROAD**

**The Work of Faith**

**Romans 4:1-25**

*“Abraham believed the Lord, and it was credited to him as righteousness” Gen. 15:6*

**Through faith, salvation is a gift of God’s grace not a merit of our works vs.3-5**

 Logizomai: to credit something to another’s account
(10 times in chapter 4)

 Abraham lived some 500 years before Moses

 God established a relationship with Abraham

**Through faith salvation creates a change of heart resulting in a change of lifestyle vs 10-11**

Abraham had a sordid past (Josh. 24:2)

He was given a new name (Gen. 17:1-8)
 Rev 3:12

**Through faith, salvation is sealed by the strong hand of God vs. 14-16**

 Salvation by works offers no eternal security

Salvation’s guarantee is found in the power of God

**Through faith salvation is available to all who believe vs. 23-25**

 *“Therefore…through faith…we have peace with God” 5:1*

NOTES

Abraham was the “friend” of God, Moses was the “servant” of God

“Believed” (trusted) God = righteousness – no work (effort) on the part of man, God justifies (sets it right) Psalm 32:1-2

Abraham’s righteousness came before circumcision ( before the law), obedience brought about through faith

No promise under the law, grace that comes by faith guarantees the promise

Man is fallen and has no self-restoring power – the work of grace through faith comes in spite of himself

Abraham was persuaded that what God had promised , He would do, and he would give Him the glory

The same applies to us, who have believed in the risen Christ.

Because of Jesus’ death and resurrection we have been acquitted, found not guilty, declared righteous in Him.