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PAUL'S LETTER TO THE Romans

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Faith!

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Abraham made right:

- Not by works – reckoned by faith
- Not by circumcision – all who believe
- Not by Law – by the promise
- Not by birth – many “nations”
 - God creates out of nothing His people!
 - “In hope he believed against hope”??

What is 'hope'?

- 132x in NASB
- *tiqvah*, 34x; *yachal*, 42x; NT - *elpis*, 54x
- Joyful, confident expectation based in the character and nature of God/Jesus.
- Abraham believes God against any logic, reason or sight, and finds true hope in his faith relationship with/in God.

Descendants by faith 17-20

- “hope against hope”?
 - Believe in God not the object!
 - He saw his “dead” body and Sarah’s (19)
 - Age, ‘dead womb’, not the focus... promise
 - Strong faith led to giving glory to God..
 - ‘fully assured’ promise=perform (21)

To all, by faith! 21-25

- 'fully assured' – no doubt left!
 - Counted/reckoned as righteousness!
- For him, for our sake! believe! pres. act
 - Abraham got Isaac; we got Jesus!
 - No animal sacrifices rose... death/blood!
 - So, will faith justification last???

Having been justified...

- The moment of the cross...
- Aorist passive... God did it!