

# ROMANS



Abraham -

4:1-5

Colosseum



**Circus Maximus  
eastern seats**



**Circus Maximus  
from east**

# OUTLINE

- I. Introduction** 1:1-17
- II. Prov. of God's Righteousness** 1:18-8:39
  - A. Condemnation** 1:18-3:20
  - B. Justification** 3:21-5:21
    - 1. Provision of Justification** 3:21-26
    - 2. Priority of Justification** 3:27-31
    - 3. Pattern for Justification** 4
    - 4. Profit from Justification** 5

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# **BOASTING**

- 1. Paul's ministry - 1Co 9:15-16**
- 2. Believers - 2Cor 1:14, 9:3**
- 3. Corinthians in Paul - 2Cor 5:12**
- 4. God - Rom 5:2, 11**
- 5. Tribulation - Rom 5:3**

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works, his wage **is not credited** as a favor,  
but as what is due. 5 But to the one who  
does not work, but believes in Him who  
justifies the ungodly, his faith **is credited** as  
righteousness, 6 just as David also speaks of  
the blessing on the man to whom God **credits**  
righteousness apart from works:

**4:8-11 “BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT.” 9**  
Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, **“FAITH WAS CREDITED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.” 10** How then was it credited? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised; 11 and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them,

**4:22-24 Therefore IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. 23 Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him, 24 but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,**

# λογίζομαι (logizomai)

- 1. Term - logic (λογος),  
mathematical, accounting**
- 2. Illust. - Phlm 18, co-signing loan**
- 3. To consider, regard, or reason  
something as true - Act 19:27,  
1Cor 13:11, Rom 8:18, Heb 11:19**
- 4. To be included or numbered with  
something - Lk 22:37 (Isa 53:12)**

# λογιζομαι (logizomai)

**5. Theologically = to credit**

**something spiritually - Rom 4,  
Gal 3:6**

➤ **Sin imputed on man - Rom 5:13**

➤ **Sin imputed on Christ - 2Cor 5:21**

➤ **Righteousness imputed - 3:21-26**

# KEY TERMS

**7. Imputation - to credit to one's account**



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Four Hundred Fortyfive and 55 cents

Dollars

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# THEOLOGY - IMPUTATION

- 1. Work of God's Justice - either condemnation or blessing credited**
- 2. Work of God's Grace - righteousness credited**
- 3. Judicial - crediting something not due**
- 4. Not impartation - not making righteous but declaring righteous**

# Sea of Galilee

**Imputation is a wonderful gift  
of God's unfathomable grace!!!**