

# ROMANS



Abraham -  
4:18-25

Colosseum



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floor**

# 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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    - a. Justification of Abraham** 4:1-12
    - b. Covenant of Abraham** 4:13-25
      - 1) Abrahamic Promise** 4:13
      - 2) Alternative of Law** 4:14-15
      - 3) Assuring Purpose** 4:16-17
      - 4) Abrahamic Example** 4:18-25

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        - a) Nature of His Faith 4:18-21**

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# HOPE

- 1. Hope - not a wish  
confident expectation,  
envisions outcome  
2Cor 1:7, Phil 1:20, Heb 6:11, 18**
- 2. In hope - ΕΠ ΕΛΠΙΔΙ  
looks to God**
- 3. Against hope - ΠΑΡ ΕΛΠΙΔΑ  
looks at circumstances**

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# FAITH

1. All have faith - Rom 12:3  
all exercise faith all the time
2. Not a matter of amount of faith
3. Issue is content and object
4. Terms - πιστις (pistis)  
πιστευω (pisteuo)

# **IMPORTANCE**

- 1. Admired by Jesus - Mt 8:10**
- 2. Commended - Rom 1:8,  
1Th 1:8, 2Th 1:4**
- 3. Priority - Heb 11:6, Rom 14:23**
- 4. Potential - Mk 9:23-24**
- 5. Essence of life - 2Cor 5:7, Gal 2:20**
- 6. Example - 2Tim 3:10, 1Tim 4:12**

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- 2. Has God's Word as content**

A wide-angle photograph of the Sea of Galilee at sunset. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the right side of the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection across the water's surface. In the foreground, a dark, curved pier or breakwater extends from the left towards the center. The sky is a gradient of soft colors, from pale blue to warm orange. The water is dark blue with gentle ripples.

Sea of Galilee

**Biblical Faith has  
supernatural vision based  
on God's Word!!!**