# Romans 4:1-8 (ESV) – Blessed

What then shall we say was gained [literally: found] by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? **2**For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. **3**For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” **4**Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift [literally: grace] but as his due. **5**And to the one who does not work but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, **6**just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

**7**“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
    and whose sins are covered;  
**8**blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

**Sermon Notes**

“For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.” – Romans 3:28

Why use Abraham as the example?

Abraham

**To be “blessed” Biblically-speaking means:**

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