

Hope is a gift from God that orients the focuses and direction of our faith towards the promises of God.

“This letter presents theology in a logical, organized way and focuses on salvation as a gift from God, through grace, by the blood of Christ Jesus.” —NIV introduction to Romans

Abraham was justified by God because of what he _____, not because of what he _____

Abraham believed _____

the promise is fulfilled _____,
and is extended to us today _____

through the _____,
Abraham was given the gift of _____

the _____ of hope
— the promises of God revealed in scripture

the _____ of hope
— towards Christ as the center of our faith

The Gift of Hope

Romans 4:16–25 (NIV)



¹⁶Therefore, the **promise** comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

¹⁸**Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed** and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. ²⁰Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the **promise** of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had **promised**. ²²This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” ²³The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, ²⁴but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

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Romans 4:16-25



Understanding the Bible:

What is the problem being expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

Why did God count Abraham as being righteous?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

Romans 4:16–25

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

D G P R O M I S E N B S
 I L B I G R N G I V E S
 H I F G E O A R F M E F
 O F P H I F B A O B N A
 P E T T B F R C W E N I
 E A A E E S A E R L C B
 F N G O C P H C I I R O
 F C G U A R A N T E E D
 A A I S M I M B T V D Y
 I L C N E N G A E E I S
 T L Y E G G V C N I T F
 H S S S D A L S O Y N L
 R A I S E D E A D T U G

Therefore, the **promise comes** by **faith**, so that it may **be** by **grace** and may **be guaranteed** to all **Abraham’s offspring**—not only to those who are of the law but **also** to those who have the **faith** of **Abraham**. He is the **father** of us all. As it is **written**: “I have made you a **father of many nations**.” He is our **father** in the

sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who **gives life** to the **dead** and **calls** into **being** things that were not. Against all **hope**, **Abraham** in **hope** believed and so **became** the **father** of **many nations**, just as it had **been** said to him, “So shall your **offspring be**.” Without weakening in his **faith**, he **faced** the **fact** that his **body** was as good as **dead**—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was **also dead**. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the **promise** of God, but was strengthened in his **faith** and gave glory to God, **being** fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why “it was credited to him as **righteousness**.” The words “it was credited to him” were **written** not for him alone, but **also** for us, to whom God will **credit righteousness**—for us who **believe** in him who **raised** Jesus our Lord from the **dead**. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was **raised to life** for our justification.