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## *“Paul’s and James’ Teaching of Salvation by Faith Using Abraham”*

## Romans 4, James 2

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1. Abraham was made right with God by faith, not by working.  
(Romans 4:1-5)

2. Abraham being saved before he was circumcised proves that salvation is not by works and is available to all who believe. (Romans 4:9-11)

3. Abraham is an example of salvation by faith alone. (Romans 4:13-25)
4. Does this mean that faith without works is saving faith? No! (James 2:20-24)

## Table Talk

- 1) How does Paul use Abraham as an example of how we are made right with God? (Rom 4:1-5) Why does Paul emphasize “the one who does not work”?
- 2) How does Paul use the timing of Abraham’s salvation to further make the point that one is saved by grace through faith alone? (Rom. 4:9-11)
- 3) Does salvation ever come “through the law”? Why not? (Rom. 4:13-15) What kind of faith did Abraham have over his life? How does that faith inspire you? (Rom. 4:18-22)
- 4) Why does Paul reemphasize in Romans 4:22-25 that Abraham serves as our example of the kind of faith that saves?
- 5) How does James describe the kind of faith that saves? Do you think that James is contradicting Paul when he says that faith must be accompanied by works? (James 2:20-24) Why or why not?