

## Faith Transaction

### Romans 4:16-25

*How was Abraham saved?*

In verses 1-8, Paul proves that Abraham was not saved by good works.

In verses 9-12, Paul proves that Abraham was not saved by circumcision.

In verses 13-15, Paul proves that Abraham was not saved by keeping the Law.

*So, how was Abraham saved?*

Abraham was saved by God's grace through faith. (Gen 15:6)

#### I. The expression of Abraham's faith

*What does "it" refer to in verse 16?*

"It" refers to salvation.

Saving faith does 2 things:

1. Saving faith brings us into the favor of God. (v.16a)

Important note: The only way to God is grace and the only way to grace is faith.

2. Saving faith brings us into the family of God. (v.16b)

#### II. Characteristics of saving faith—*What are the key characteristics of saving faith?*

1. Saving faith is in the Person of God. (v.17)

2. Saving faith is in the Promise of God. (v.19,20)

3. Saving faith is in the Power of God. (v.21,22)

#### III. Applications of saving faith

1. The object of our faith is the God who raised Jesus from the dead. (v.24)

2. The objective of saving faith is to be saved from sin and to be justified. (v.25)

*How were people saved in the Old Testament?*