

Trusting God to Do It

Scripture Reading — Romans 4:1-12

What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” — Romans 4:3

In today’s verses Paul expands on his thoughts about how we can get right with God. Paul brings the Old Testament patriarch Abraham into the picture. He notes that Abraham became okay with God because he trusted God to take care of the process. Abraham knew he couldn’t do that himself. In the words of *The Message*: “He trusted God to set him right instead of trying to be right on his own.”

When my car breaks down, it can’t fix itself. In order to get fixed, it needs someone who knows all about it.

Someone might give me some tools to try to fix it. I can start pulling things apart under the hood and looking carefully at the pieces, but that won’t go far, because I don’t know enough in order to fix it. What my car needs is someone who can figure out what is wrong and do the right thing to fix the problem. That’s why I go to my expert mechanic. I trust him to set it right rather than trying to set it right on my own.

Similarly, I can’t fix myself. Only God can fix me. He wants me to trust him to fix what is broken in my life. Jesus paid the price, once for all, to fix my brokenness, and God credits me with Jesus’ righteousness. Then he calls me to live for him!

Prayer

Heavenly Father, sometimes pride, or maybe guilt, makes me think I need to fix myself for you. But I can’t. Help me to trust you to set it right. In Christ, Amen.

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