

By Faith Plus Nothing

Romans 4:9-12

(series #34)

Introduction:

- Man's attempt to make himself right w/ God

- The Jewish distortion of circumcision
 - Psalm 51:6
 - Acts 7:51
 - Galatians 5:6, 6:15
 - Philippians 3:3

I. **When was Abraham Justified? vv. 9-10**

- A. In Genesis 15 he was justified

- B. In Genesis 17 he was circumcised

- C. They are fourteen years apart

II. **Why was Abraham Circumcised? vv. 11-12**

- A. It was a seal of the righteousness of God

- B. That he might be the father of all who believe
 - 1. Romans 2:28-29
 - 2. Leviticus 26:40-42
 - 3. Deuteronomy 10:12-16, 30:5-6
 - 4. Jeremiah 4:3-4
 - 5. John 8:31-40

- C. Circumcision adds nothing to justification by faith
 - 1. Galatians 5:2
 - 2. Acts 15:1-31
 - 3. Colossians 2:11-13