

Law: The Wrong Way for a Man to Be Justified
Romans 04: 13-16

1. *The unmistakable statement:*
The promise of the inheritance
is not through the law
but through faith

2. *The argument against the law's*
securing justification, salvation

- a. Law voids faith
and erases the hope of the promise
- b. Law brings wrath
- c. Law charges a person with sins
that must be judged

3. *The argument for faith*

- a. Faith brings grace
- b. Faith makes the promise sure,
guarantees the promise
- c. Faith assures
the promise for everyone:
It is available to all

13 It was not through law
that Abraham and his offspring received the promise
that he would be heir of the world,
but through the righteousness that comes by faith.

14 For if those who live by law are heirs,
faith has no value
and the promise is worthless,

15 Because law brings wrath.
And where there is no law
there is no transgression.

16 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 are of the faith of Abraham.
He is the father of us all.