

Romans Series

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The Epistle to the ROMANS



Job 9:2, “Truly I know it is so, but how can a man be righteous before God?” (NASB)

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Job 9:2, “Of a truth I know that it is so; and how can man be just with God?” [1917 JPS]

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v. 14 Logic:

Assuming that heirship was through the Law, faith would be nullified and so would be the promise;

Since neither faith, nor the promise have been nullified, the promise then is not through the Law;

Conclusion: The contrast Paul has been making is between righteousness by law and righteousness by faith (Rom. 3:27-4:8)–

Thus if by law than neither faith or promise have significance.

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**παράβασις parábasis; to
transgress the law, law breaking**

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The Law cannot be obeyed—the result is wrath

No law, no violation of the law

Key point: The promise is for those who obtain it by faith alone in Christ alone.

Romans 4:16, “Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to ALL the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all”

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κατέναντι katénanti;

**adverb used as a preposition
with the genitive**

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**Contrary to, or, against
hope
In hope he believed**

Romans 4:19, “And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb.”

**ἀσθενέω asthenéō;
aor act ptcp with a negative
Without being weak with
respect to faith**

**κατανοέω katanoéō; aor act
ind, to observe, notice,
consider, contemplate**

Romans 4:20, “He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,”