

Survey of Romans & Introduction to Biblical Interpretation

Welcome back!

OUTLINE OF ROMANS:

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD, THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH

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1:16-17 Theme of the Letter: The Gospel—Righteousness from God Revealed in Christ

Theme Verses of Romans:

¹⁶I am not ashamed of the gospel, **for** it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

¹⁷**For** in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “But the righteous by faith will live.”

(Romans 1:16-17, NASB adapted)

II. 1:18—3:20 **GOD'S WRATH REVEALED AGAINST SINFUL HUMANS: THE NEED FOR JUSTIFICATION (Problems of *Sin* and *Wrath*)**

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 - 1:26-27 *Homosexual passions degraded and harmed them*
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 - 3:1-8 Questions about God's Justice
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 - 3:19-20 *Conclusion: The Law proves all are guilty and will save no one*

Big Problems:

Sin → Wrath

**III. 3:21—4:25 _____ GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS REVEALED IN CHRIST:
THE MEANS OF JUSTIFICATION (*Sinful Status* Problem Solved)**

3:21-26 _____ Thesis: God's Righteousness Is Revealed in Christ

3:21-24 _____ It Is Given, through Christ's Faithfulness, to All Who Believe—Justification

3:25-26 _____ It Is Shown, in Christ's Death, by God No Longer Overlooking Sin—Justice

3:27-4:25 _____ Justification Is by Faith, Not by Works

3:27-31 _____ Both Jew and Gentile Are Justified by Faith—None Can Boast

4:1-25 _____ Evidence from the Law: Abraham Was Justified by Faith—So Are We

4:1-8 _____ *Introduction: "Faith was credited to Abraham as righteousness"*

4:9-12 _____ *Abraham was given righteousness through faith, not circumcision*

4:13-17 _____ *Abraham was given the promise through faith, not the Law*

4:18-22 _____ *Abraham's example: the kind of faith that counts as righteousness*

4:23-25 _____ *Conclusion: Righteousness is also credited to us through faith in Christ*

What is saving faith *fully convinced* about?

[Righteousness] will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

(Romans 4:24-25, ESV).

1. God—He keeps his promises.

2. God has provided the way that I can become righteous.

- I have done bad deeds.
- My deeds matter; bad deeds are deadly.
- Apart from Christ, I am not in right standing with God.
- Apart from Christ, I will receive God's wrath.
- Jesus died: His death is God's plan for dealing with my sins.
- Jesus rose: His resurrection is God's way to give me right standing with Him.
- Jesus is my Lord—master, boss, ruler—possessing all power and authority, and deserving all my obedience.

What about our “Big Problems”?

Sin → Wrath

Sinful Status ✓ Justified

Sinful Deeds ?

Wrath ?

Romans 5-8

**LIFE IN CHRIST:
THE RESULTS OF JUSTIFICATION**

5:1—5:11 _____ A – Thesis: Justification Gives Us Hope of Eternal Glory

5:1-4 _____ Justification Gives Us Blessings Now and Hope for the Future...

5:1-2 _____ *Peace with God, grace, joyful hope of glory to come*

5:3-4 _____ *Joy in suffering, which only increases our hope*

5:5-8 _____ ...Because of the Love That God Has Already:

5:5 _____ *1) Poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit;*

5:6-8 _____ *2) Shown when Christ died for us while we were still sinners.*

5:9-11 _____ If God Loved His Enemies, He Will Certainly Spare His Friends

Past

- Justified by faith
- Began in grace
- God's love poured within our hearts
- Gift of Holy Spirit
 - Christ died for the ungodly
- God demonstrated His love
 - Jesus died for God's enemies



Present

- Peace with God
- Stand in grace
- Exult in hope
- Exult in tribulations
 - Perseverance
- Proven character
 - More hope
- Exult in God because we are at peace with Him



Future

- Glory of God
- Saved from God's wrath
- Jesus' life will save God's friends

5:12—5:21 _____ B – Justification = No Condemnation:

In Christ All Will Live, Just as in Adam All Die

5:12 _____ Just as Adam's Evil Deed Brought Sin and Death to All Men...

5:13-17 _____ (Clarifications and Contrasts)

5:13-14 _____ *Sin and death existed even before the Law made men guilty*

5:15-17 _____ *Contrasts between Adam's trespass and Christ's gift*

5:18-19 _____ ...So Christ's Righteous Deed Brought Righteousness and Eternal Life to All Men

5:20-21 _____ The Law Made Sin Increase, But Grace Increased Even More Through Christ

“Original righteousness”:

***Christ frees us more certainly and
completely than Adam left us bound!***

6:1-23—7:6 _____ C – Grace Does Not Lead to Sin; It Frees from Sin and Death

6:1-14 _____ **A New You – Sin Has No Dominion over Us Who Died and Rose with Christ**

6:1-4 _____ *Grace is not a reason to sin, for we been baptized into Jesus' death and life*

6:5-7 _____ *We know that: In Christ, our old sinful self has died, freeing us from sin*

6:8-11 _____ *We know that: Like Christ, having died once to sin, we can forever live to God*

6:12-14 _____ *Since you have been freed from sin's reign, don't volunteer to serve it*

6:15-23 _____ **A New Master – Sin's Wages Cannot Match Righteousness's Gift**

6:15-19 _____ *Grace is not a reason to sin, for you have become slaves who obey God*

6:20-23 _____ *Sin pays with death; God gives sanctification which leads to eternal life*

7:1-6 _____ **A New Husband – Sin Bears Fruit Only in the Law's Bride, Not in Christ's Bride**

7:1-3 _____ *Marriage analogy: Death removes one from the bondage of the law*

7:4-6 _____ *Our death to the Law means our new “husband,” Christ, can bear fruit in us*

A New You = We cannot be forced to sin

A New Master = We see no benefit in sinning

A New Husband = We are not “impregnated” with sinful desires

7:7-25 _____ C' – The Law Is Not Sinful; But It Cannot Free from Sin and Death

7:7-12 _____ Is the Law Sinful, Since It Awakens Sin? No, It Convicts of Sin and Is Holy

7:13-25 _____ Does the Law Cause Our Death? No, Sin Does. The Law Drives Us to Christ

7:13 _____ *Sin is shown to be utterly sinful because it uses the good Law to kill us*

7:14-23 _____ *Our inability to keep the Law reveals sin is inside our flesh, binding us*

7:24-25a _____ *The resulting wretchedness drives us to Christ, who frees us from death*

7:25b _____ *Conclusion: With your mind serve the Law of God, or with your flesh the law of sin*

My Mind



Law of God



[No condemnation!]

“I Myself”

7:25b

Conflict

Flesh



Law of Sin



Condemnation!

Apart from Christ, the sinful flesh overpowers you!

Galatians 3:19-27 – Law as “schoolmaster”

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For those who are in Christ Jesus... (vs. 1)



We have the **Spirit—we are not “flesh people.” (vs.9)**



We set our minds on the things of the **Spirit. (vs. 5)**



We walk according to the **Spirit. (vs. 4)**



No condemnation! (vs. 1)

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Law of Sin



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1. Know **“you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit”** (8:9).
2. Cooperate with the Spirit as He leads your thoughts and actions.

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And we know that...

for those who love God

all things work together for good,

for those who are called according to his purpose.

For...

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2) he predestined...

3) he called...

4) he justified...

5) **he glorified.**

to be made like Jesus.

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8:31-39 _____ Conclusion: God Is for Us, His Elect—Nothing Can Change That!

8:31-34 _____ *No one can condemn us whom God has justified in Christ*

8:35-39 _____ *No one and nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ*

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Romans 9-11

**DEFENDING GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL:
THE JUSTICE OF JUSTIFICATION**



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9:6-13 **God's Promise Has Not Failed—For *True Israel* – *Evidence from Patriarchs***

9:6 Not All of Israel's Descendents Are Truly Israel or Qualify for the Promise, Just as...

9:7-9 1) Not All of Abraham's Children Are God's Promised Children.

9:10-13 2) Not Even Isaac and Rebecca's Twins Were Equally Blessed by God.

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9:30—10:21 _____ ...But Ethnic Israel Is Unrighteous Because They Refused to Place Faith in Christ

9:30—10:13 _____ **Why Ethnic Israel Is Unrighteous: They Did Not Place Faith in Christ**

9:30—10:4 _____ *Israel rejected God's righteousness, trying to establish their own by the Law*

10:5-13 _____ *How Christ is the telos (end, fulfillment) of the Law for all who believe in him*

10:5-7 – *What righteousness based on the Law says/believes*

10:8-10 – *What righteousness based on faith says/believes, resulting in salvation*

10:11-13 – *Righteousness based on faith means God saves Jew and Gentile alike*

10:14-21 _____ **Why Ethnic Israel Did Not Place Faith in Christ: They Were Contrary**

10:14-15 _____ *What is required to have opportunity to respond to the gospel*

10:16-21 _____ *Israel obstinately disbelieved the gospel, despite hearing and understanding it*

11:1-10 _____ Has God Rejected Israel? No, He Has Chosen a Remnant

11:1-6 _____ God Has Graciously Kept a Remnant—True Israel

11:1-2a _____ *Paul is evidence God has not rejected true Israel*

11:2b-4 _____ *Just as God kept 7000 righteous men for himself during Elijah's time...*

11:5-6 _____ *...so God has now kept a remnant, based on his gracious choice—not on works.*

11:7-10 _____ Those God Chose Obtained Righteousness; The Rest, as Prophesied, Were Hardened

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“God has imprisoned everyone in disobedience
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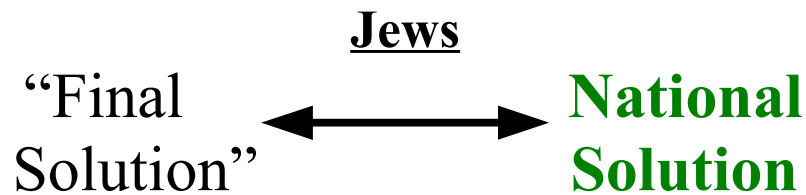
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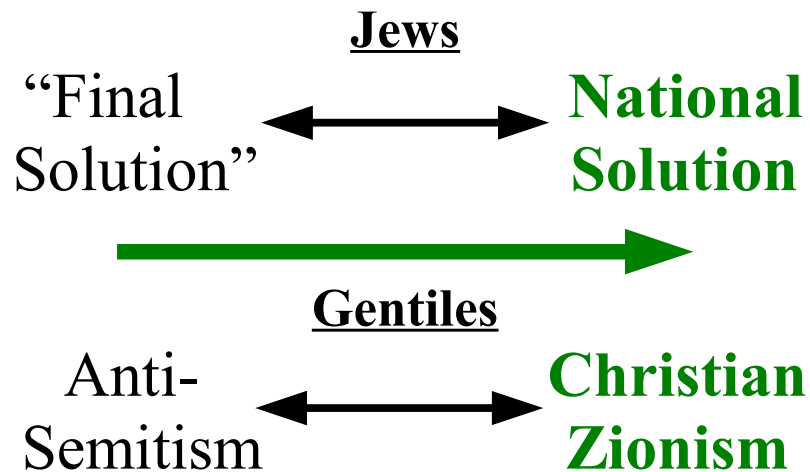
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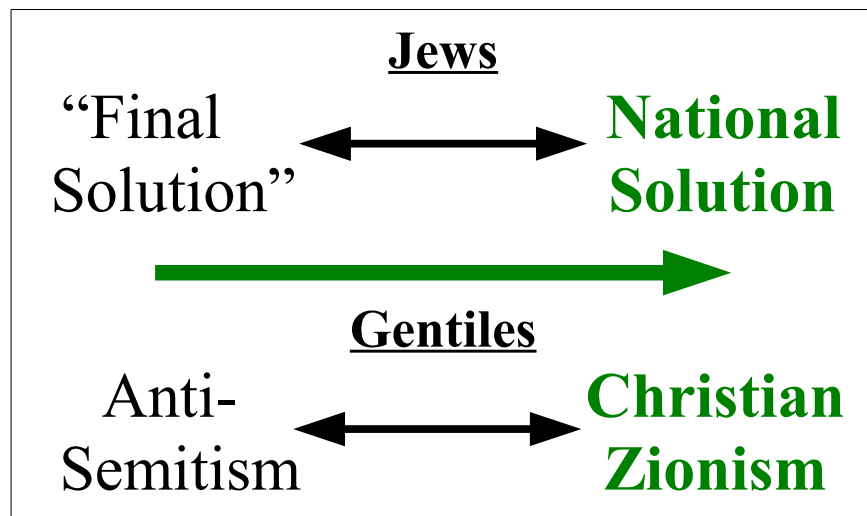
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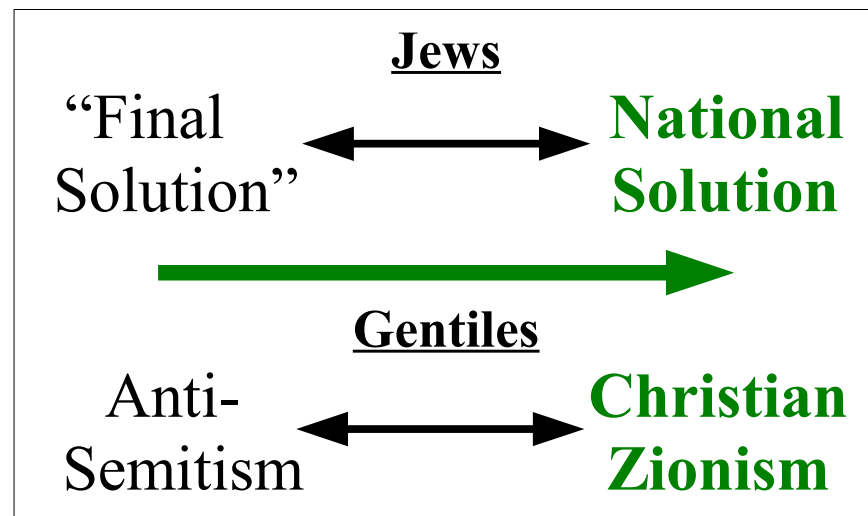
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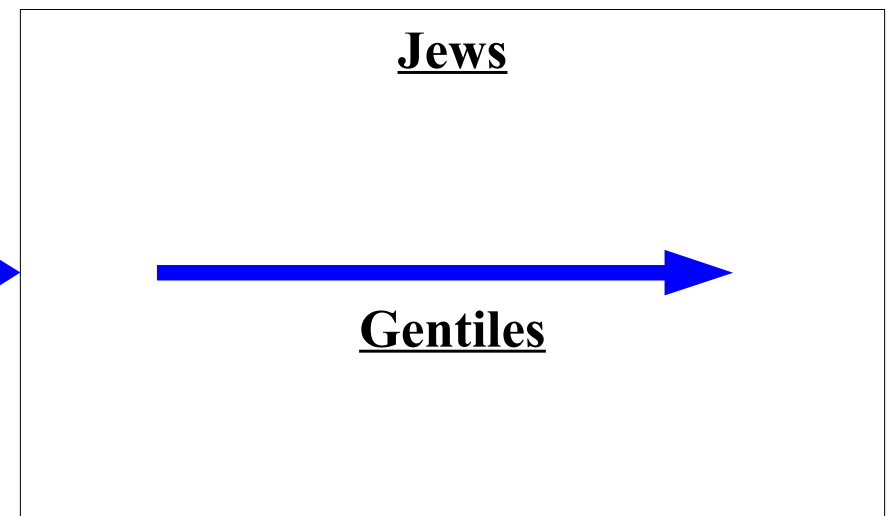
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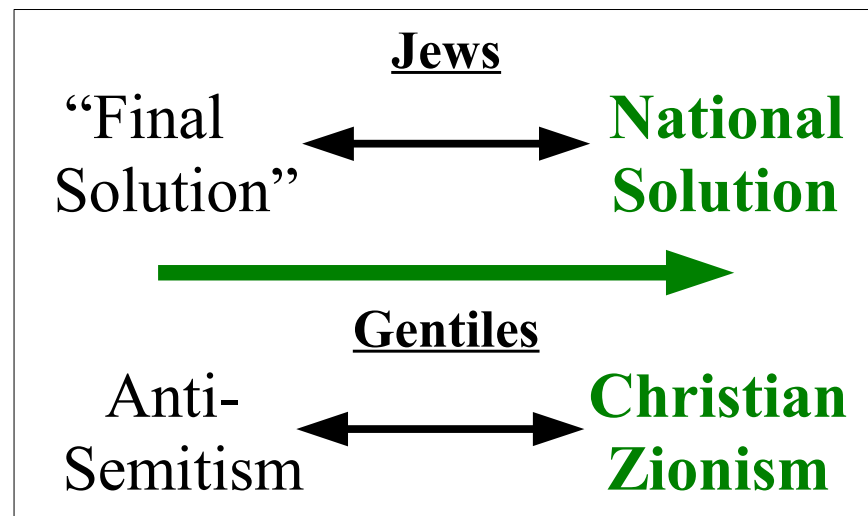
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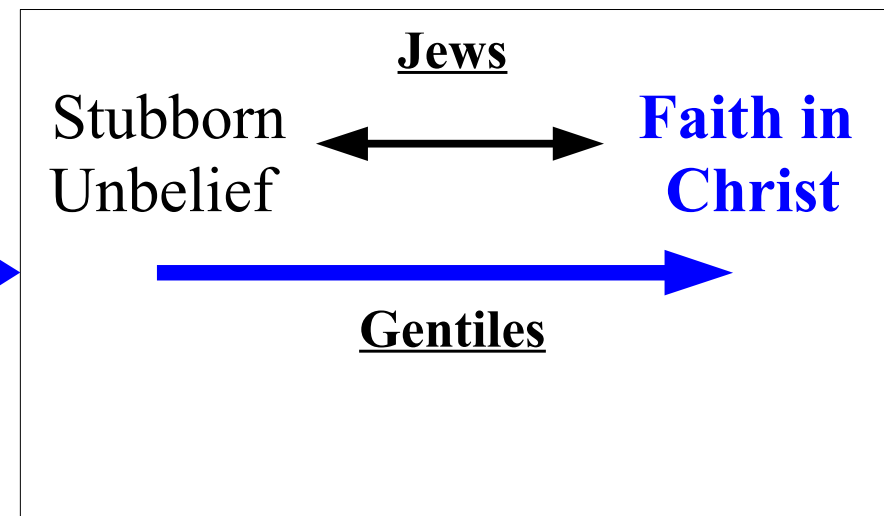
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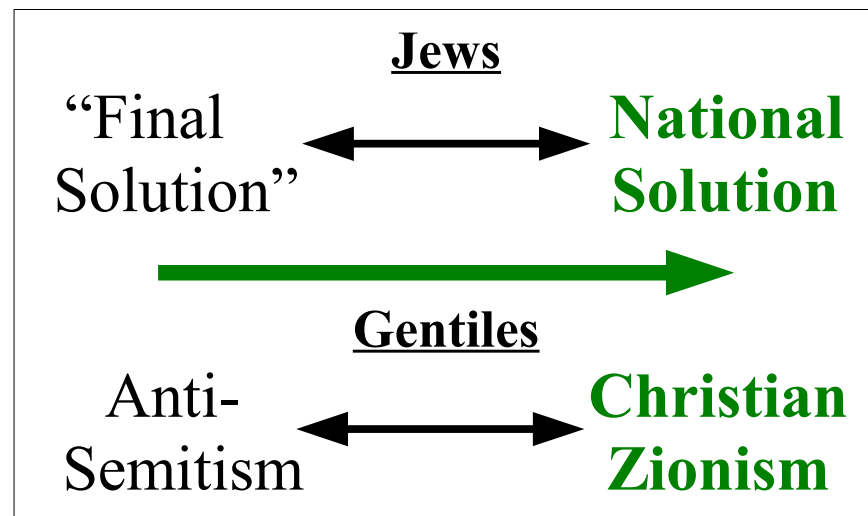
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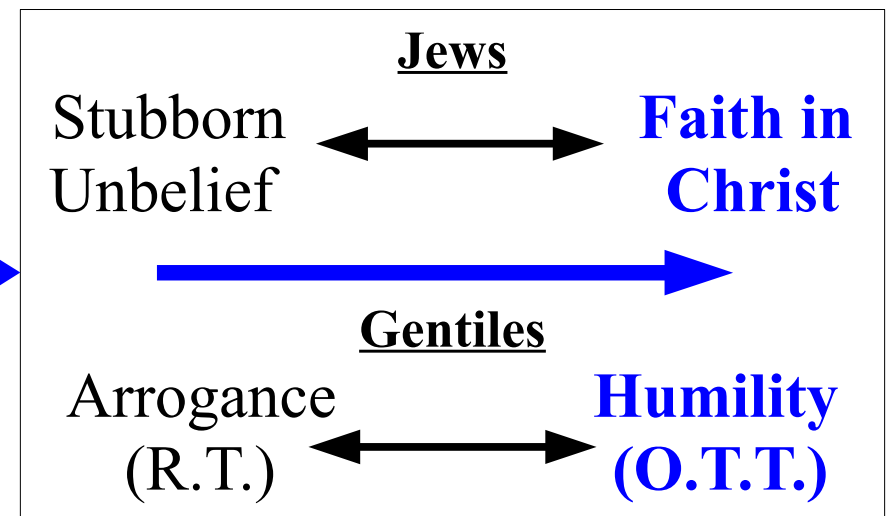
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(1 Cor 2:7; 2 Tim 1:9)

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(Eph 3:9; Heb 9:26)

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4. The End of the Age

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(Matt 12:32; Lk 20:34; 1 Cor 1:20; 1 Cor 2:6, 8; 1 Cor 3:10; Eph 1:21)

“this/the present age” (1 Tim 6:17 / Tit 2:12; Heb 9:9)

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Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead.... Yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith... being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform. (4:19-21, NASB)

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