

Living Connections Bible Study



The Faith of Abraham

Prayer

Text: Romans 4:13-25

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1. What great Bible doctrine does Paul illustrate using the life of Abraham?
Romans 3:28; 4:3; Genesis 15:6

2. From the following verses, how did the Jews come to the false conclusion that they were the nation who would inherit the earth? And who does this promise actually apply to?

Romans 4:13 _____

Genesis 17:7 _____

Psalm 37:10-11 with Matthew 5:3-5

3. How would seeking righteousness through the Law cancel out or make the promise of justification by faith of no effect? Romans 4:14-15; Deuteronomy 28:15; Ezekiel 18:20

4. Discuss the following promises, which contradict seeking justification through the Law. Maybe you would like to add other Bible promises affirming justification by faith that you can think of. Acts 16:31; John 1:12, 3:16; Romans 10:9-10, 13

5. How does God's promise to justify and make us righteous by grace through faith assure believers that our reconciliation, forgiveness, and acceptance before Him is *sure* in contrast to those who feel they must earn God's favor through the Law? Romans 4:16

Here is some Bible math we can rejoice in: *Christ's sacrifice plus God's promise plus my faith plus God's grace equals justification and salvation.*

Grace means, *Everything God has promised for nothing to those who don't deserve anything. God's Righteousness At Christ's Expense.*

6. Look up the meaning of *Abram* and *Abraham*. Why did God change his name to Abraham and what is the significance of this? Romans 4:17; Genesis 17:5

7. How was Abraham's faith anchored in *the God who raises the dead*? Romans 4:17b-19; Hebrews 11:19; Ephesians 2:1-5

8. What does it mean that Abraham believed in the presence of ... *God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did*? Romans 4:17; Genesis 17:5-6; 18:13-14; Hebrews 11:3, 6; Titus 1:2

9. What does it mean that Abraham did not *waver* at the promise of God? Did Abraham ever have doubts or struggle in his walk with God? Romans 4:20-21

10. What is God's promise to Abraham and to all of us who put our faith in Him as *the God of resurrection*, who raised Jesus from the dead? Romans 4:21-24

Think about it this week:

Verse 25 - Jesus was delivered up because of [MY] offenses, and was raised because of [MY] justification.

Since God raised Jesus from death, can I believe He can give me spiritual life and justification, transforming and changing my character to glorify Him?