

Abraham Justified by Faith - Romans 4:1-25

Topics: Covenant, Faith, New Covenant, Promises, Righteousness, Sin

Open It

1. What are some of the many religious acts and practices people perform in an attempt to please God?
- * 2. How much faith do you put in the promises people make to you?

Explore It

3. What was the main characteristic of Abraham's relationship with God? (4:1-3)
4. How was Abraham righteous before God? (4:3)
5. How did David describe what God does to make a person righteous? (4:6-8)
6. What was the relationship between Abraham's righteousness and his circumcision? (4:9-11)
7. What was the purpose of circumcision in Abraham's life? (4:11)
8. On what basis can both the circumcised and the uncircumcised claim Abraham as their father? (4:11-12)
- * 9. On what basis did Abraham receive the promise of inheriting the world? (4:13)
- * 10. Why would God's promise be worthless if a person had to keep the Law perfectly to receive it? (4:14-15)
11. What does the Law bring to those who live by it? (4:15)
12. What was God's promise to Abraham? (4:18)
13. What facts might have convinced Abraham that God's promise of a son was impossible? (4:19)
14. How was Abraham able to resist the temptation to doubt God's promise? (4:20)
- * 15. What did Abraham believe about God that convinced him God could keep His promise? (4:20-21)
16. How does Abraham's righteousness by faith apply to us? (4:23-24)
17. Whom has God provided as a worthy object of our faith? (4:24-25)

Get It

18. What is righteousness?
19. What is true faith?
20. Why is it impossible to be saved by following God's laws?
21. What customs and religious habits can give people a false sense of righteousness?
22. What causes many people to think that works are more important than faith for pleasing God?
- * 23. What is fair or unfair about the fact that all people, including very wicked people, can inherit God's promises by putting their faith in God?
24. In what ways do people act as if they must earn God's love?
25. What must a person do to have his or her sins completely forgiven?
- * 26. What promise are you waiting for God to fulfill in your life?
27. How does God's relationship with Abraham help you understand His workings in your life?

Apply It

28. How can you pray this week to reaffirm your faith in God and not in works?
- * 29. What promise of God do you need to trust in this week?