

- 1) Abraham is the father of circumcised Jews _____ if they believe in the Messiah as he did while he was still uncircumcised. Otherwise, if they do not believe in Christ, they are not Abraham's true descendants, even though they are circumcised Jews. Romans 9:6
 - 2) As with Abraham, believing God guarantees a person's justification, not trusting in some performed ritual. God says whoever believes in His Son will not perish but have everlasting _____. John 3:16
5. Romans 4:13-15 – Abraham's justification by faith (Gen. 15:6) demonstrates that salvation comes apart from _____ the Ten Commandments. Galatians 3:15-18
- a. Romans 4:13 – *For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.* God did not fulfill His promises to Abraham and his descendants because Abraham obeyed the _____ but rather because he believed God.
 - b. Romans 4:14 – *For if those who are of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified.* If righteousness, or salvation, could come through obeying the Ten Commandments _____ things would be true. Galatians 5:2
 - 1) Romans 4:14a – *...faith is made _____...* If salvation came through obedience to the Law, faith in Christ's death on the cross and resurrection would be unnecessary. Galatians 3:5-6, Titus 3:5-6
 - 2) Romans 4:14b – *...the promise nullified...* If salvation came through obedience to the Law, there would be no need for the promise of eternal _____ and forgiveness of sins. Romans 3:23
 - c. Romans 4:15 – *...for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, there also is no violation.* Beware, you who believe people are saved by obeying the Law.
 - 1) The Law does not bring salvation; rather, it brings the _____ of God! Romans 3:19-20, 1 Corinthians 15:56, 2 Corinthians 3:7-9
 - 2) Remember: Abraham was declared right with God 430 years before the Law existed, verifying that people can be declared _____ with God totally apart from the Law. Romans 3:28
6. Romans 4:16-17a – Abraham's justification by grace through faith illustrates that faith fits perfectly with _____.
- a. Romans 4:16a – *For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be in accordance with grace.* Faith goes hand in hand with grace; the two complement each other _____. Ephesians 2:8-9
 - 1) Grace and works do not fit together. Romans 4:4 says, *"Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due."* If you work for it, it is _____. When it comes to justification, grace and works are mutually exclusive.

- 2) Grace is undeserved. It is a _____. You do not work for it. You simply receive it by faith. *But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.* Romans 11:6
- b. Romans 4:16b – *...so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, 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.* God's _____ is shown to all who believe in Christ, regardless of national or cultural ethnicity.
- 1) God promised Abraham that in him *all the families of the earth* [would] *be blessed* (Gen. 12:3) and that he would become the *father of a multitude of* _____. Genesis 17:3-6
- 2) When we believe in Christ, Abraham becomes our spiritual _____. However, this does not mean that as believers we become Israel, ethnically, spiritually or in any other way. Galatians 3:6-9
- c. Romans 4:17a – *...as it is written, “a father of many nations have I made you.”* This verse teaches that a person can belong to Abraham spiritually, calling him “father,” without becoming Israel. It is important to note that the _____ does not replace Israel.
7. Romans 4:17b-21 – Since Abraham was justified by faith, Paul took a closer look at the _____ of Abraham's faith. Galatians 2:16, Romans 5:1
- a. Romans 4:17 – Abraham's faith was not based on his own abilities. *...in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.* Abraham trusted in God's supernatural _____ to miraculously provide for his needs.
- 1) Many people claim the Bible teaches that God _____ those who help themselves. This saying is not found in the Bible.
- 2) The Bible actually teaches the opposite. The Bible teaches that God helps those who _____ help themselves. Ephesians 2:4-6, Romans 5:6-10
- 3) God is pleased when we stop relying on ourselves and _____ on Him alone to save us. That is faith. Hebrews 11:6
- b. Romans 4:18 – Abraham's faith was not based on feelings. *In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, “so shall your descendants be.”* Abraham believed God's promises, even when he had every reason to _____.
- c. Romans 4:19 – Abraham's faith was not based on _____ possibilities. *Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb.* Hebrews 11:11-12
- d. Romans 4:20a – Abraham's faith was not based on _____. *...yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief...* Abraham's faith remained strong over time, even when many of God's promises remained unfulfilled.

- e. Romans 4:20b – Abraham’s faith _____ even stronger as time passed. The stronger his faith grew, the more he praised God for God’s faithfulness to him. *...but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God.* Genesis 22:5, Hebrews 11:13
- f. Romans 4:21 – Abraham’s faith was not based on experiences or circumstances but rather on God’s trustworthiness. *...and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to _____.* Hebrews 11:17-19
8. Romans 4:22-25 – The Genesis 15:6 statement that Abraham was justified by faith was recorded for our _____ as much as it was for Abraham.
- a. Romans 4:22 – *Therefore, it was also credited to him as righteousness.* This is once again a reminder that when Abraham believed in God, he was regarded by God to be _____ before Him. Abraham was justified by faith.
- b. Romans 4:23 – *Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him.* When the Old Testament states that *Abraham believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness,* it is recorded primarily for _____ good. God wants you to know that Abraham is not the only one saved by faith. So are you.
- c. Romans 4:24 – *...but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead...* This verse declares that just like Abraham, we too are declared right with God the _____ we believe in the One who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.
- d. Romans 4:25 – *He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.* Jesus Christ was delivered over to death for our _____ but was raised up again for our justification.
- 1) This is the good _____. Christ died for our sins and rose again on the third day. Acts 13:28-30, 37-39; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
 - 2) We too were declared right with God when we personally _____ in Christ and His death for our sins and resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
 - 3) Have you personally believed the gospel, trusting in Christ, that He died for your sins and rose again on the third day? 1 John 5:13

C. Romans 5:1-11 – The undeserved blessings of justification by faith

1. Romans 5:1-5 – The privileges of our justification by _____
- a. Romans 5:1a – *Therefore, having been justified by faith...* Paul now described several amazing _____ resulting from our justification by faith.
- b. Romans 5:1b – *...we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.* The first benefit of *having been justified by faith* in Christ is that we instantly gain _____ with God.
- 1) Peace with God is not to be confused with the peace of God which we can experience somewhat inconsistently. Our enjoyment of the peace of God often _____ according to our circumstances and walk. Philippians 4:7, Colossians 3:15