

JUSTIFICATION IS BY FAITH ALONE AS ILLUSTRATED IN THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM

(Galatians 3:6-9)

I. PAUL DEFENDS HIS AUTHORITY AND THE ORIGINATION OF HIS GOSPEL (Gal. 1 & 2)

II. PAUL DEFENDS JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH (Gal. 3 & 4)

A. Proven by the Galatian EXPERIENCE (3:1-5)

B. Proven by the EXAMPLE of Abraham (3:6-9)

1. According to v. 6, Abraham "_____ God, and it was _____ to him for righteousness." (Gen. 15:6)

a. The *object* of Abraham's faith was _____.

b. The *setting* for his faith was total _____.

c. The *time* of his faith was years before his _____.

d. The *result* of his faith was _____ divine _____.

e. The *assurance* of his faith was the _____ of God.

* What is so unique about Genesis 15:6 in relation to the Bible?

2. According to v. 7, when a person is "_____" (like Abraham was) he is not merely a physical descendant, but a true _____ or _____ of Abraham.

* Does having saved parents insure the salvation of a child?

3. According to v. 8, in God's promise to Abraham even the _____ were included in the _____ of the Abrahamic Covenant. (Gen. 12:1-3)

4. According to v. 9, only those Gentiles who are "_____ " (like Abraham was) are blessed with _____ before God.

* How is this justification different from that which is described in James 2:14-26?

--Justification **before GOD** _____ be _____ with the human eye, because it is a spiritual event; this justification is _____ in nature and non-repeatable.

--Justification **before MAN** is _____ in a _____, outward expression via good works; this justification is _____ in nature, and ideally it should be repeated throughout the believer's life.

--In no way do good works save anyone, they are merely the " _____ " that a person has already been _____ justified by God.

* Were people saved differently in the Old Testament verses the New Testament?

* Are you a *spiritual* child of Abraham?

* If you are a believer, how can this truth be applied in your own life?