

ABRAHAM: AN EXAMPLE OF JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH Pt. 2

(Romans 4:9-16)

- I. **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REVEALED: MAN'S SIN AND GOD'S CONDEMNATION (1:18-3:20)**
- II. **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD RECEIVED: HIS JUSTIFICATION TO ALL BELIEVERS (3:21-5:21)**
 - A. **The EXPLANATION of JUSTIFICATION by Grace (3:21-26)**
 - B. **The DEFENSE of JUSTIFICATION by Grace through faith (3:27-31)**
 - C. **The PROOF of Justification by Faith ILLUSTRATED (4:1-25)**

1. The blessedness of justification by faith apart from works is available to both _____ and _____ . (v. 9)

2. Abraham was justified by faith (at the very least) _____ years (Gen 15:6) _____ he was physically circumcised (Gen. 17), but more probable _____ years when first called (Gen. 12:1-4) as a Gentile. (vv. 10-11a, cf. Heb. 11:8)

3. Abraham and his Jewish descendants were to receive circumcision as a _____ of the _____ . Note the order: faith, righteousness, circumcision. (v. 11a)
 - a. This ritual was a "*sign*" or a "*seal*" in the sense that it was _____ by the individual as a reminder of God's covenant. (Gen. 17:1-11)

 - b. This ritual was commanded by God to be done on the _____; the violator who chose _____ to do this was ostracized from his people. (Gen. 17:12-14)

* How do people in Christendom misapply the ritual of water baptism?

4. Paul informs us that Abraham was the prototype, the _____, the _____ of all who are justified by _____ apart from any ritual, work or merit. (vv. 11b-15)
- a. Abraham was under the Dispensation of _____, 500 years before the _____; therefore, it was _____ for him to be justified by the Law. (v. 13)
- b. If a person wants to live by a law system instead of by faith, he/she has made the grace of God _____, it is _____. (v. 14, cf. Gal. 3:11-14, 17-19; Rom. 11:6)
- c. The Law can only bring about _____ and _____, it cannot save nor sanctify anyone. (v. 15, cf. Rom. 3:19-20; 8:3-4)
5. The Principles of faith and grace are completely compatible.
- a. The principle of "*faith*" looks to _____ for justification. (v. 16a)
- b. The principle of "*grace*" realizes _____ justification freely to us, while it cost Him everything. (v. 16b)
- c. True _____ does _____ come by depending upon your own efforts, but by depending upon the Lord alone. (v. 16c)

* How can you personally apply this truth in your own life today?