

## ABRAHAM LEARNS TO LIVE BY FAITH

### I. ABRAHAM WAS JUSTIFIED BY FAITH AND LIVED BY FAITH

#### A. Abraham Was JUSTIFIED by FAITH without Works or Rituals. (Romans 4:1-12)

1. Paul uses Abraham as a biblical example of how a sinner is justified \_\_\_\_\_.(4:1-2)

Biblically: \_\_\_\_\_ means “declared to be righteous before God.” It is a technical term used in a court room by a judge to “declare a person righteous – without guilt and in right standing before the court.”

2. According to Genesis 15:6 that Paul quotes, Abraham was justified by \_\_\_\_\_ alone. (4:3-5)
3. When you seek to \_\_\_\_\_ to obtain God’s righteousness, you seek to earn it as a \_\_\_\_\_. However, since salvation must be a gift of God’s \_\_\_\_\_, it can only be received by \_\_\_\_\_. (4:4-5, 16) (Acts 13:38-39; Gal. 2:16; Titus 3:4-7)
- Is prayer the way to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior?
4. God’s salvation has always been by grace through faith \_\_\_\_\_ for the Jew (circumcised) and Gentile (uncircumcised). (4:6-12)

#### B. Abraham LIVED by FAITH. (Heb. 11:8-19)

1. Without faith it is impossible to please God. (Heb. 11:6) Abraham’s life is characterized by faith. Abraham made decisions “by faith” to \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word without knowing the details or the final result. (11:8-10)
2. Abraham trusted God and His \_\_\_\_\_. (11:9, 11, 13, 17) He was \_\_\_\_\_ that God would be faithful to his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 4:13-22)

### II. ABRAHAM LEARNED IN GOD’S SCHOOL OF FAITH

#### A. The BEGINNING of Abraham’s WALK of FAITH – By faith, Abram believes God’s Word and leaves Ur, without knowing exactly where God will lead him. (Genesis 11:31–12:9; Hebrews 11:8)

God made an important, unconditional covenant with Abraham called the \_\_\_\_\_. The covenant has three divisions: each is mentioned in Genesis 12:1-3, but elaborated in later passages of Scripture - \_\_\_\_\_ (Deut. 30:1-8), \_\_\_\_\_ (2Sam. 7:12-16), and a \_\_\_\_\_ (Jer. 31:31-34).

## B. The PROCESS of Learning to WALK By FAITH.

Every Christian will go through various events, circumstances and trials in their life that God will use to bring them to spiritual maturity. Below are four things that God allowed into Abraham's life to use to trust God.

1. Test of \_\_\_\_\_ – A famine in the land; Abraham does not live by faith, but walks by sight and goes down to Egypt. (12:10)
  - Do you ever wait upon God by faith to show you His will? (Ex. 14:13; 2Chron. 20:17; Ps. 27:14, 37:34, 46:10; Prov. 3:5-7; Is. 40:29-31; Acts 16:6-10; Col. 4:3; Rev. 3:7-8)
  
2. Test of \_\_\_\_\_ – In Egypt, Abram did not trust the Lord, but for his own selfish protection he lies about Sarai being his sister to the authorities. Yet, by his grace God protects and preserves Sarai in the Pharaoh's harem. (12:11-20, 20:1-18)
  - Do you ever try to manipulate your circumstances for selfish gain or self justification?
  
3. Test of \_\_\_\_\_ – Lot walks by sight and selfishly chooses the best land, while pitching his tent toward Sodom. Abram walks by faith and is re-assured of God's promise of a land, a seed, and blessing. (Gen. 13:1-18) Lot is a carnal believer making decisions based upon his sin nature and not by faith in God's Word. (Rom. 8:5-8; 1Cor. 2:14-3:4)
  - What is your greatest enemy in "walking by faith"?
  
4. Test of \_\_\_\_\_ – Abram and Sarai were not able to have children for many years and the trial tested their faith repeatedly. (15:1-6, 16:1-18:15)
  - Does God understand your every personal struggle and disappointment?
  
5. Test of \_\_\_\_\_ – Abraham was commanded by God to offer his only son Isaac as a sacrifice. (Gen. 22:1-18)
  - What are you willing to sacrifice to fulfill God's perfect will in your life?