



“Abraham’s Faith”

Organic with No Toxic Additives

Romans 4:9-18

Organic = Synonyms: fundamental, basic

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Only Abraham’s Kind of Faith will provide: *Vindication, Victory, Vision*

I. **V**indication – “cometh this blessedness” (vs 9-12)

Abraham’s Faith provides :

A. Precedent – “How was it then reckoned?”

B. Proof – “the sign of circumcision”

C. Progeny – “the father of all them that believe”

II. **V**ictory – “For the promise” (vs 13-15)

A Faith that provides an alternative to :

A. Weakness – “should be the heir of the world”

* Abraham lacked faith when he laughed at God’s promise and then went about to make it happen. The flesh cannot make it happen and the law does not help us. The law only reminds us of our weakness. Faith is

the victory because through it we lay hold of the power of God and enjoy its benefits.

B. **W**orry – “promise made of none effect”

Whether or not we will make it .

- 1. It is not by our strength but by His. I Peter 1:5;
- 2. We are not kept by our faithfulness but by His. Genesis 15:6-18 He is the only one that is committed and responsible.

C. **W**rath – “the law worketh wrath”

I Thessalonians 5:9 – For God has not appointed us for wrath but to obtain salvation. Read from Bible

III. **V**ision – “as though they were” (vs 16-18)

A Faith that provides accurate perception of the:

A. Past = GRACE “the promise might be sure to all”

B. Future = PRomise – “things which be not”

C. Present = HOPE – “against hope believed in hope”

Hope = the joyful and confident expectation



QUESTION:

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Here is a few Fathers of:

Robert Oppenheimer

H.G. Wells

Karl Marx

Izaak Walton

James Corbett

Bruce Lee

Ada Lovelace

Al-Jazari

Willis Carrier

Charles Townes

Alexander Graham Bell

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Philo T. Farnsworth

Abraham

Atomic Bomb

Miniature wargaming

Communism

Angling

Boxing

Mixed Martial Arts

Computer Programs

Robotics

Air Conditioning

Lasers

Telephone

Interstate Highway System

Television

salvation by grace thru faith