



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 10th March

Series- Greatest Letter ever written? Prt 4

Abraham our Father in Faith

He is the father of us all. 17 As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. Romans 4:17-18.

- 1. Abraham & David reveal that justification is by Faith. Rom. 4:1-8**
- 2. Abraham is the Father of faith for both Jew and the Gentile. Rom 4:9-16.**
- 3. Against all hope, faith brings life to the dead. (Rom 4:17-25)**

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Romans 4:1-8. How was Abraham justified according to these verses? What did he do to “get it?” (Justification that is)
2. Read Romans 4:5-8. How do they say God justifies the ungodly? Why do you think Paul uses both Abraham and David in this chapter to make his case? How do Davids’ words in Psalm 32:1-2 (Quoted here in Romans) point toward the reality of justification by faith?
3. Read Romans 4:9-16. How does Paul explain in a way that would appeal to both Jew and Gentile, justification by faith as it is revealed in Abrahams’ life? How does Paul explain that the gospel is the realization of the promise in Genesis “that Abraham is the father to the nations?”
4. Read Romans 4:17-25. What about these words makes your heart beat faster? How would you describe Abrahams’ faith? How does Paul describe it? How is his faith and Gods’ gift to he and Sarah of a son, reveal a small echo of the resurrection of Jesus?

B. Meditation & application

5. How would you explain in your own words Pauls’ attempts through Abraham to bring both Jews and Gentiles in Christ into an understanding that being the people of God is predicated on Faith?
6. What is faith and how important is it to Christian identity? How is it connected to justification?
7. Look at the description of Abrahams’ faith in verses 20-22 again? What impresses you about it and how does it compare to your faith? What kind of faith is the kind of faith that justifies? How could you demonstrate a faith like Abrahams?
8. God can raise the dead, God can call things that not into being- what implications does this have for our faith and our pursuit of the kingdom?

Prayer: Heavenly Father; Lord thank you for always being faithful to your promises. Help us to trust in your word- just as Abraham did. Help us to believe that you are the God who brings life from death- and creates things out of things that are not. Do a work in our church- breath your life on our dry bones, teach us what you have done in Christ- and bring on new creation life- In Jesus Name- Amen!