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“The Faith of Abraham”

Genesis 15:6

Abraham was truly a great Bible character and quite possibly one of the greatest men in history. Three religions look to him as their spiritual ancestor in the direct line – Judaism, Christianity, Islam. Christians view him as *“the father of all them that believe”* - **Romans 4:11 (KJV)**.

What is most noteworthy about Abraham was his faith. Paul made reference to this faith time and again - (see **Romans 4:3,9,11, 16-22; Galatians 3:7-9**).

Romans 4:3 (KJV) ³*For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.*

Romans 4:18-22 (KJV) ¹⁸*Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.* ¹⁹*And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah’s womb:* ²⁰*He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;* ²¹*And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.* ²²*And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.*

James used his example to illustrate saving faith and makes it clear that saving faith involves obedience.

James 2:21-23 (KJV) ²¹*Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?* ²²*Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?* ²³*And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness; and he was called the Friend of God.*

Both Paul and James make reference to the following Old Testament statement about Abraham's faith: *“And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.”* (**Gen 15:6; Rom. 4:3; James 2:23**) We need this same kind of faith because *“those who are of faith are the sons of Abraham”* (**Galatians 3:7**). Those who are *“of faith are blessed with believing Abraham”* (**Galatians 3:9**)

Indeed, those who have “The Faith Of Abraham” are truly the recipients of the promise made to Abraham: **Genesis 22:18 (KJV)** *“And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.”* Are we walking in the steps of the faith of Abraham, obeying the Word of God given today through the gospel of Christ, even as he obeyed the word given to him?

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