

Ivy Baptist Church
Wednesday Bible Study
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The Book of Romans Part 8 (Romans 4:13-25)

Summary of Romans 4:1-12:

- Paul uses the example of Abraham and the words of David to lend credence to the fact that justification by faith alone, is an Old Testament concept.
- Before Abraham received the covenant sign and seal, through circumcision, his faith had already been accounted for righteousness.
- Justification is not based on anything that we do....not works...not circumcision...not the law
- Abraham is our “spiritual” father.

Today’s Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

- **Table Discussion:**
 - **1. Romans 4:13-25 is about the promises of God to who?** _____
 - **2. What did God promise _____? (Genesis 12:1-3)**
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Romans 4:13-15

- Verse 13: God’s promise to Abraham did not come through the law (10 commandments), but through the righteousness of _____.
- Verse 14: If people receive blessings because of the law, faith then is void and God’s promise is _____.
- **Key verse 15: THE LAW BRINGS _____ AND SHOWS US WHERE WE _____ AGAINST GOD’S WORD!**
- The word transgression means to “go over” “to violate” “to _____.”

Romans 4:16-25

- Verse 16, Abraham is called the “_____ of us all.” **How can that be?**
- Abraham is our _____ based upon his “_____” in God. Because of his faithfulness, all who have faith in God like Abraham, become a part of his “line” or “seed.”
- **Why should we have faith in God?**
- Verse 17: Because God can speak things that are _____, as though they are! (speak life into things that don’t exist!)
- **How did Abraham become the father of many nations?**
- Verse 18: He had _____. **HOPE IS WHAT LED HIM TO HAVE _____ IN GOD!**

Romans 4:19-25

- Verse 19: Because of Abraham's hope that lead to his strong faith, he believed that God would bless him with a child, even though both Sarah and him were _____ the age of childbearing. (vs. 19)
- Verse 20: Abraham did not waiver in his faith toward God and kept it strong, BY GIVING GOD _____!
- YOUR _____, KEEPS YOUR FAITH GOING!
- **Key verse (vs. 21): Here is another definition of faith:**
- Being _____ that God is going to do, what He said He will do!
- Verse 22: Because Abraham had this kind of faith, GOD DECLARED HIM _____!

Vs. 23-25 (A-A-A)

- *²³Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, ²⁴but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.*
- The word _____ means to "make an account of" to "compute" to "reckon."
- The promise that God made to Abraham was not just for Him, but for _____ who believe that God raised Jesus from the dead. (vs. 23-24).
- Jesus was crucified for our offenses and God raised Him up, so that He would declare _____ who believes in Jesus, _____ GUILTY of their sins! (justification).

Summary of Romans 4:13-25

- 1. More hope in God, leads to stronger _____ in God.
- 2. Faith is being _____ that God can do WHAT HE SAYS!
- 3. God's promise of righteousness by faith is not just for Abraham, but for all who believe in THE SAME _____ THAT ABRAHAM DID! (Jesus raised from the dead for our sins).

Apply: What did I learn in today's lesson that I need to develop in my relationship with God?
