

New Life Community Church Lifeline Notes
The Apostle Paul's Letter to the Romans
"Rightly Related to Relate Rightly"
Abraham: A Profile of Our Father's Faith
(Romans 4:9-22)

Scripture Reading: Romans 4:9-22

The Promise of God to Abraham is reaffirmed on at least five occasions and includes the following elements:

- 1. The promise of fathering a great nation (Genesis 12:2; 18:18)**
- 2. The promise of a great name (Genesis 12:2)**
- 3. The promise of an innumerable multitude of descendants (Genesis 13:15-16; 17:4)**
- 4. The promise of the land of Canaan (Genesis 12:7; 13:14-17; 15:18-21; 17:8)**
- 5. The promise of universal blessing (Genesis 12:3; 18:18; 22:16)**
- 6. The promise to be his nation's Sovereign Protector (Genesis 12:10-17; 20:1-7)**

I. Initial _____ of Abraham's Faith

- 1. _____ to All- "Our forefather" (Romans 4:1)**
- 2. All are _____ for justification before God (Romans 4:2)**

3. God's righteousness is _____ to those who _____ (Romans 4:3)

In a system of works, everything depends on the _____.

In the gospel of grace, everything depends upon the _____.

4. The _____ is undeserved; the status is _____ by _____ (Romans 4:4)

5. Saving faith is _____ God's _____ of _____ (Romans 4:5)

6. Only the _____ will appeal for God's merciful gift (Romans 4:5-6)

7. Justification is the _____ for the _____ of the believer's _____ by God, _____ with God, and _____ before God (Romans 4:7-8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

8. The blessing was given to Abraham while he was a _____ (apart from religious observance or law-keeping) (Romans 4:9-11)

9. Abraham is the father (example) of 'the _____ of _____' (Romans 4:12-14)

10. Abraham is made right with God entirely by the _____ of God (Romans 4:15-16)

II. The _____ of Abraham's Faith

1. Abraham believed _____ (Romans 4:17a)

2. He believed _____ (Romans 4:18)

3. He believed in _____ (Romans 4:17b)

God alone- _____ the dead

God alone- _____ something out of nothing

Romans 4:21 ²¹ and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.

III. The _____ to Abraham's Faith (Romans 4:18-19)

Time-

Temporal _____

Physical _____

IV. The _____ of Abraham's Faith (Romans 4:20)

Questions for Application (Romans 4:23-25)

Do you have the characteristics of genuine faith?

F-

A-

I-

T-

H-

Can it be said that your faith resembles Abraham's faith?

What does your faith believe about Jesus Christ?

Where do you look for a right standing with God?

Does your faith bear the fruit of obedience?