

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time in your life when you extended grace (unearned, unmerited, undeserved favor) to someone who had offended you. What did you do to show them grace?

2. How would you explain to an unbeliever that a person cannot be saved by good works or religious rituals?

3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about grace?
 - a) John 1:17
 - b) Romans 6:14
 - c) II Corinthians 9:8
 - d) II Corinthians 12:9
 - e) Ephesians 2:8
 - f) James 4:6
 - g) II Peter 3:18

4. Why does our salvation depend upon both grace and faith?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - ☐ I am going to extend grace to someone who has wronged me.
 - ☐ I am going to follow through with church membership and baptism, not to be saved, but as a declaration of my salvation.
 - ☐ I am going to memorize Ephesians 2:8-9.

Cornerstone Church
Romans 4:9-25

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Study Series #010

Understanding God's Righteousness ***Part 3: Abraham – Justified by Grace***

I. Introduction

A. Serious About Math

B. The Contest of Elijah

(See I Kings 18:16-40; Leviticus 19:28; Deuteronomy 14:1;
James 5:17-18)

II. Justified by Grace

A. Justified by Grace, Not by Ritual

(See Romans 4:8; Psalm 32:1-2; Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:3;
Romans 4:9-10; Genesis 11:26; Genesis 12:1-9;
Genesis 15:1-6; Genesis 16:16; Genesis 17:1-6;
Genesis 17:24; Genesis 21:5; Romans 4:11-12; Mark 16:16;
I Corinthians 11:29; Hebrews 10:25)

Timeline of Abraham's Life

- 1) Abraham born in Ur of Chaldees (c. 2166 B.C.) (Gen 11:26)
- 2) Abraham goes to Canaan at 75 years old. (Genesis 12:1-9)
- 3) Lord visits Abraham, promises a multitude of descendants, Abraham believes God and declared righteous (Gen 15:1-6)
- 4) Thirteen years later, when Abraham is 99, the Lord renews His promise of descendants to Abraham. (Genesis 17:1-6)
- 5) When Abraham is 100 years old, Isaac is born fulfilling the promise of God. (Genesis 21:5)

B. Justified by Grace, Not by the Law

(See Romans 4:13; Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 12:2; Genesis 13:16; Genesis 15:5; Genesis 17:4-6; Genesis 13:15-17; Genesis 15:17-21; Genesis 17:8; Genesis 12:3; Genesis 18:18; Genesis 22:18; Galatians 3:17; Romans 4:14-15; Romans 7:7-8)

C. Justified by Grace, Through Faith

(See Romans 4:16; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 4:17-19; Genesis 15:5; II Corinthians 5:7; Romans 1:16)

D. Justified by Grace, For All Who Believe

(See Romans 4:21-22; Romans 10:9-10; Romans 4:23-25)

III. Conclusion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

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Passage of Study Romans 4:9-25

⁹ Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, “Faith was credited to Abraham as righteousness.” ¹⁰ How then was it credited? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised; ¹¹ and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them, ¹² and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised.

¹³ For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if those who are of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified; ¹⁵ for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, there also is no violation.

¹⁶ For this reason *it is* by faith, in order that *it may be* in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ (as it is written, “A father of many nations have I made you”) in the presence of Him whom he believed, *even* God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist. ¹⁸ In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah’s womb; ²⁰ yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹ and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.

²² Therefore it was also credited to him as righteousness. ²³ Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him, ²⁴ but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ *He* who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.