

Salvation is the Same

Father Abraham Has Many Sons, and You're One of Them When You're Saved by Faith **Galatians 3:6-9** Chris Mueller 11-20-2022

Introduction:

BE BLESSED WITH ABRAHAM BY FAITH

Galatians 3:6-9 (NASB95)

[After the Apostle Paul rebukes the Galatians for toying with a false gospel that added works to salvation (Gal. 3:1-5), he puts forth Abraham as an example of justification by faith alone apart from works.]



Galatians 3:6 Even so Abraham BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. **7** Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. **8** The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU." **9** So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.

#1 Pursue D faith 6a

6a Even so Abraham BELIEVED GOD

Genesis 15:5 Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them. And He said to him, So shall your descendants be.

Genesis 15:6 He believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

#2 D on faith as the path to imputed righteousness 6b

6 Even so Abraham BELIEVED GOD, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.

Douglas Moo When we compare other verses with the same grammatical construction used in Genesis 15:6, the clear conclusion is this ... the [crediting] of Abram's faith as righteousness means 'to account him a righteousness that does not inherently belong to him.'

Romans 4:5 to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness

Romans 4:3 Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.

#3 D _____ that faith alone immerses you into God's family 7

7 Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.

Romans 4:20-22 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22 Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."

#4 D _____ that faith justifies even the Gentiles 8-9

8 The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU." 9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.

1st Abraham embraced _____ by faith 8a

8a The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying,

Hebrews 11:19 that God is able even to raise someone from the dead.

2nd The _____ can be justified, just like Abraham 8b

8b "ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU."

Psalms 67:1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah 2 that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

John MacArthur When Gentiles are saved, they are saved as Gentiles, just as Jews are saved as Jews. But no one from either group is saved or not saved due to racial or ethnic identity. Those who are saved are saved because of their faith, and those who are lost are lost because of their unbelief. A Gentile has absolutely no advantage in becoming a Jew before he becomes a Christian. In fact, by expecting salvation through the rite of circumcision, a person, whether Jew or Gentile, nullifies the grace of God and declares, in effect, that "Christ died needlessly."

Matthew 28:19-20 go therefore and make disciples of all nations.

3rd All who of faith are _____ the same way as Abraham 9

9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.

Calvin This expression is very emphatic. They are *blessed*, not with Abraham as circumcised, nor as entitled to boast of the works of the law, nor as a Hebrew, nor as relying on his own excellence, but blessed with Abraham, who by faith alone obtained the blessing; for no personal quality is here taken into the account, but faith alone.

Take Home:

A. Turn to the _____ for the answers on truth, error, and life

B. Glorify God by living by _____
Romans 4:20 did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God
1 John 5:10 The one who does not believe God has made Him a liar

C. Living by faith frees you from a _____ lifestyle

D. Have you come to Christ by _____?

Questions for Growth in Christ

1. How would you defend the truth that salvation is the same in the Old Testament as it is in the New Testament?
2. What difference should the truth that Christians are reckoned righteous by faith cause in the way we live?
3. How does justification by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone make you a part of a special and unique family?
4. How do we know God intended for Gentiles to be saved in the Old Testament as well as in the New Testament?
5. What kind of blessings do people receive once they are in Christ, truly born again?
6. How does this passage exalt the Scripture as truly the living Word of God?
7. How does justification by grace through faith alone free you from performance?
8. What specific steps will you take this week to live out the truths of these verses?



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