

Every Believer's Father Figure

Rom. 4:13-25

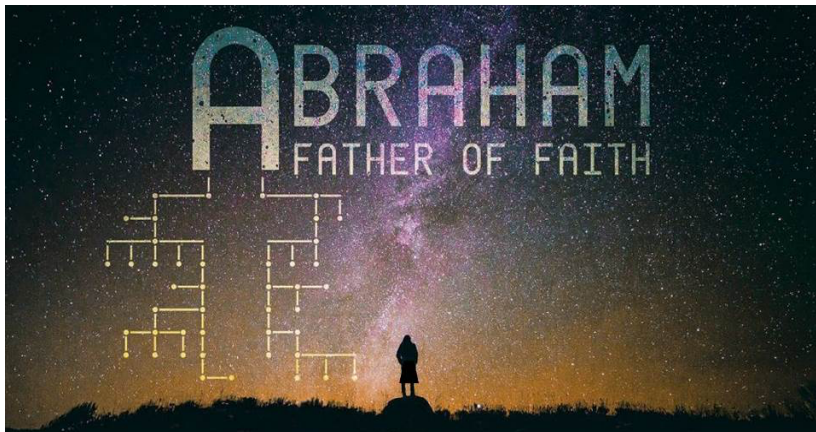
In 4-8 = Abraham was justified by faith not works.
In 9-12 = Abraham was justified by faith not circumcision.
In 13-25 = Abraham was justified by faith not the Law—a faith described as model for us in 17b-25

Faith makes us heirs along with Father Abraham. 13-17a

- *Promise* first occurs here in Romans (5x in passage). Note we get in on this promise (*descendants/seed*). Where in the OT does being an *heir of the world* promised, and what does it mean? Consider Gen. 12:1-4, 17:3-6, 26:4.
- Proof Abraham's promise was through faith: (1) The Law came later, (2) the Law would invalidate a promise, (3) the Law doesn't cure sin but reveals it (more culpable → wrath).

Faith is modeled for us by Father Abraham. 17b-24

- Giving life to the dead and calling what is non-existent into being (17b) is clarified in 19 and the Gen. 15:5 quote.
- Abraham's faith becomes a model for us, see 23,24. What are we meant to learn from Abraham's?



Father Abraham had many sons