

The Faith of Abraham

Heb 11:1 And **faith** is the assurance of things hoped for, the assurance of things not seen.

2 For through her the elders obtained good news.

3 By faith we understand that the worlds were formed by the word of God, so that the things that are seen were not made of the things that do appear.

Titus 2:1 But thou speaketh that which is fitting for sound doctrine;

11 For the grace of God, which brings salvation, has been manifested to all men, **12** teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this world; **13** Looking forward to that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; **14** Who gave himself up for us, to **redeem us from all iniquity**, and **to purify for himself a peculiar people, zealous for good works**.

15 **These things they speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority.** Let no one despise you.

Knowing that man **is not justified by the works of the law**, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, we also have believed in Jesus Christ, that we may **be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law**, for **by the works of the law no one shall be justified**. (Galatians 2:16)

Ephesians 2:8 For **it is by grace that ye have been saved through** faith: and this not of yourselves: *it* is the gift of God; **9 Not by works**, lest anyone should boast.

Jn 8:24 And I said unto you, Ye shall die in your sins; **For if you do not believe that I am, you will die in your sins**.

27 **They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father.**

30 **When he said these words, many believed in him.**

- 31 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, " **If you abide in my word, you will truly be my disciples.**
- 32 **And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.**

John 8:39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, **you would do the works of Abraham.**"

40 But now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I have heard from God.

56 Your father Abraham *was glad* **to see my day**, and he saw it, and he rejoiced

Abraham's faith is a model for all the saints:

1. Abraham Was Drawn by the Spirit

Genesis 12:1 And the LORD had said unto Abram, Come out of thy land, and out of thy kindred, and out of thy father's house, into the land which I will show thee;

Genesis 12:2 And I will make thee a great nation, and will bless thee, and will magnify thy name, and thou shalt be a blessing;

Genesis 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and I will curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 12:4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him; and Abram *was* seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

2. Abraham's faith produced works and obedience to God's Word.

Genesis 17:1 And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said unto him, **I am God Almighty: walk before me, and be thou perfect.** 2 And I will make my covenant between you and me, and I will multiply you exceedingly.

Genesis 17:18 And Abraham said unto God, Would that **Ishmael might live before thee.**

Genesis 17:24 And *Abraham was* **ninety-nine years old, when he was circumcised** in the flesh of his foreskin.

1Corinthians 15:50 And this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood** cannot inherit the kingdom of God, neither corruption inherits incorruption.

Romans 14:23b... for whatever *is not* of **faith is sin**

Rom 4:11 And he received the **sign of circumcision**, the seal **of the righteousness of the faith which had not yet been circumcised.**

18 Who, against all hope, believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." 19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body already dead, when he was about a hundred years old, nor the death of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at God's promise out of unbelief, but was **strong in faith**, giving glory to God. 21 And he was fully persuaded that what **he had promised, he could also fulfill.** 22 And therefore he was charged with him in righteousness.

Circumcision was not an option for the people of Israel (Moses as an example)

Exodus 4:24 And it came to pass, in the way of the inn, that the LORD met him, and **sought to** kill him. 25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, cut off her son's foreskin, and threw *it* at his feet, and said, "You are a bloody husband to me."

New Testament circumcision is water baptism:

Col 2:8 Take heed that no one deceives you by philosophies and vain subtleties, according to the tradition of men, according to the rudiments of the world, and not according

to Christ. 9 For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, who is the head of all principality and power; 11 in which also you are **circumcised** with circumcision not done with hands, putting off the body of the sins of the flesh for the **circumcision of Christ**; 12 **You were buried with him in baptism**, in which you were also raised with *him* by faith in the work of God, who raised him from the dead.

Luk 7:29 And all the people who heard him, and the tax collectors, justified God, and were baptized with the baptism of John.

Luk 7:30 But the Pharisees and the interpreters of the law rejected the counsel of God against themselves, not **being baptized by it**.

Galatians 3:7 Know therefore that they that **are of faith are the sons of Abraham**.

Galatians 3:25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Galatians 3:26 For you are all **children of God through faith in Christ Jesus**.

Galatians 3:27 For **as many as have been baptized into Christ are clothed with Christ**.

Misquoted Common Verse: This Misinterpretation Mocks Abraham's Faith

Rom 10:9 If thou shalt confess with thine mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believeth in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confesses unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek, for the Lord himself is rich above all things to all who call on him. 13 **For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved**. 14 How, then, shall they call upon him in whom they have not believed, and how shall they believe in

him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without anyone to preach to them?

1Pe 2:12 And having your conduct honest among the Gentiles, that they may speak against you as evildoers, and *glorify God in the day of visitation* for your **good works**, which they shall see.

James 2:17 So also faith, **if it has not works, is dead when it is alone.** **18** And someone may say, 'You have faith, and I have works; show me your faith without your works, and I **will show you my faith by my works.**' **19** You believe that there is only one God, and you do good; demons also believe and tremble. **20** But do you want to know, vain man, that **faith without works is dead?** **21** Was not our father Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? **22** Do you see how faith worked by its works, and how faith was perfected by works? **23** And the Scripture was fulfilled, which says, Abraham believed God, and was reckoned to him as righteousness, and was called the Friend of God. **24** **You see, therefore, that a man is justified by works, and not by faith alone.**

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God: and the books were opened, and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged by the things which were written in the books, **according to their works.**

Heb 4:7 Again he shortens a day, saying in David, "Today, after so long a time; as it is said, If you hear his voice today, do not harden your hearts."

Heb 4:8 For if Jesus had given them rest, He would not have spoken after another day.

Heb 4:9 Therefore there remains a rest for God's people.

Heb 4:10 **For** he that hath entered into his rest also ceased from his works, as God *from* his.

Heb 4:11 Let us therefore strive to enter into that rest, lest any one should fall into the same example of unbelief.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God *is* living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, and joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Heb 4:13 Nor is there any creature that is not revealed before him, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of him with whom we are to deal.

Heb 4:14 Therefore , since we have a great high priest, who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us retain our profession.

Heb 4:15 For we have no high priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was tempted in every way according to our likeness.

Heb 4:16 Let us, therefore, draw boldly to **the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy, and find **grace** to help **in time of need**.