

Romans 4:9-13

vs 9+10 Gebach GENESIS 12:1-3

Paul is going to the beginning. ~~The~~

- The Jews were very proud that they were the people of Moses.
- They were very proud of the Law.
- Jesus had to deal with the Pharisees & Sadducees who were the religious leaders of the time.
- And their faith was in the Law of Moses.
- Barons of the scribes & the lawyers.
- Lawyers studied the Law and so did scribes.
- Paul was punching a hole in their religion.
- The amazing thing is that the Law was given by God.
 - They weren't trusting some idol or other God.
 - They weren't reading & teaching some other book.
 - They were deep in the Law of God - the Law of Moses.
 - And Paul said you got it wrong.
- We have the same problem today.
- We have religion without righteousness.
 - Everybody believes in Jesus.
 - We're not teaching some other book.
 - People are steeped, soaked, and saturated in Christianity.
 - But were still getting it wrong.
- Did you know that Jesus died for your sins?
- Everybody knows & believes that Jesus died on a cross!
- Well even the devils believe.

That's why Paul was hated. That's why he was beaten & left for dead. That's why he was imprisoned & charged. He was choiced and greized upon.

Why? Because he was messing with their religion.

✔ got going with the crowd

- People will tolerate a lot of things.
- But don't mess with their religion.
- Paul was saying. You trust in the Law so much
"And make your boast in the Law?"
- Where was the Law when our religion was founded?
- Who founded it? Abraham found it.
"vs 1, What has Abraham our Father found?"

- READ Gen 12:1-3

- Where was the Law when God 1st spoke to Abraham?
- Where was Moses when God said to Abram,
"I will make thee a great nation?"
- How well was Abraham following the Law when he had no Law?
- If following the Law to the T, all the offerings & all the sacrifice, and all the ceremony.
- If following all this is righteousness, then why did God choose Abraham?

- Chapter 12:1-14

- #1 Abraham was 99 / 12 vs 4 75 years / 24 years
- Four chapters between 12 + 17. Not happened
- God spoke to Abraham, told him to get free out ch 12
- Abraham took his wife Sarah to Canaan / Ur
- Famine / Egypt
- Come back to the Land to Bethel
- Lot & Abraham part ways. 14 years later Lot is taken captive / Abraham rescues Lot
- Melchizedek

- Then you have the incident where God makes a covenant with Abraham through the midst of the parted animals.
- The birth of Ishmael

- All this takes time. Through this God is establishing his covenant & his promise with Abraham.

12: 2 - I will make thee a great nation

13: 4 - Lift up thine eyes, look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, & westward. For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever. - I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth.

15: 1. - Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them. So shall thy seed be.

15: 18 - Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river ~~Euphrates~~ of Egypt unto the great river Euphrates.

17: 4 As for me, behold

Finally 24 years later, God gives Abraham circumcision.

- All these promises that God had made were to Abraham before he was circumcised.

- Circumcision was given a sign of the covenant.

- I have made this count, therefore

- They were circumcised because of the Promise
- And this is where the Pharisees held it wrong . . .
- They had the cart before the horse
- Paul realized that somewhere in their twisted minds they thought they were kept of the Promise because they were circumcised . . . because they followed the law because they were Jews
- No so

Do you know what this reminds me of. They got it mixed up then. Sure enough, they got it mixed up today. This reminds me of baptism . . .

- Baptism was given to the church (to God's people)
- Go ye therefore into all nations, baptizing them in the name of the F, S, H G . . .
- We get baptized because we are saved . . .
- And many religions have got the cart before the horse and they think they are saved because they're baptized . . .

(called it the Bap. of Nippon - It was a sign of rep.)

- We could spend some time on that . . .
- vs 9 Is the blessedness of faith for the circ. only or for also the unirc . . . Is faith for Jews only or the rest of the world
- Well lets look at Abraham . . . God made his promises to him while he was uncircumcised.
- When Ab. believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness. He was unirc . . .

* Read vs 11

- God made it this way in order that Abraham would be the father of all them that believe... though they be not circumcised...

* vs 12 Paul was saying

- I don't care how much ^{Jewish} religion you get / circ. / ritual / ^{sacrifice} / ^{offerings}
- God's way is by faith, and it's always been by faith...

That's true today in Jesus Christ...

- There's nothing we can do today to justify us before God.
- No amount of religions, no amount to doing good...
- No amount of show you could put on

- If you're waiting to get your acts together before you come to God, you will wait forever, because God doesn't take acts...

* God's way is by faith

- If you're waiting to clean up your life, it'll never mean you'll be clean enough to enter heaven...

* God's way is by Faith

- If you think you're doing pretty good. You're not as bad as this person or that person. It's bad enough...

* God's way is by Faith

→ Phillipian Jailor

= Sir's what must I do to be saved?

Circ?
BUP:
Join?

- Believe in the LORD Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved...
- I tell you, It's faith. It's faith. It's faith...

- The bible says, Now, we just shall live by faith...

- The bible says, He that comes to God must believe that he is and is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him...

He MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS...

I want to say this: TALK is cheap...

It's not how much you SAY you believe in God...

everybody says they believe in God

CHAIR EXAMPLE

Do you really live by faith?

Let me tell you what most people live by... calculation...

We live life like it's a chess game...

We take calculated risks... We do what makes sense...

We do what's feasible and practical...

I live every step I've taken with God, but it's been slow & slow...

What cripples me most

is my lack of Faith

* Can you imagine if Abraham lived like that...?

* There's no risk of loss with God... it's just loss...

~~Whoever will lose his life for my sake~~

Whoever will lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it...

Luke 9:38-42

- The Christian life is one of loss. If you want to be Christ-like, full of mercy and compassion and love sinners, you're going to have to get accustomed to losing...

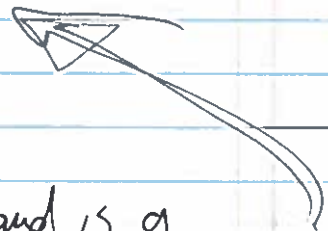
To be forgiving, to be merciful, means YOU LOSE.....

~~If any man~~ Think about that one...

Jesus said, He that is least among you, the same shall be great...

Needs... Marie not going to be a winner here in this world...

Story of that Lizabeth and Teddy



- He that comes to God must believe that he is and is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him...

* Hebrews 12

God's way has always been by FAITH

One thing to remember FAITH

- Hebrews 10:34 substance (What is substance? What is substance?)
What is that substance?

We're not home yet children
Keep your eyes on the Saviour
Just make deep to labor
And well sit down beside the cross
How I long to be with Jesus
and our loved one gone
Before us
There's a better day
coming. We're not home yet!