

Father Abraham had Many Sons! Part 3

Romans 4:1-16

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"But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed,..." (Romans 3:21; NKJ)

"For what does the Scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.'" (Romans 4:3; NKJ)

III. How Can I _____ with God?

"Does this blessedness then come upon the circumcised only, or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say that faith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness. How then was it accounted? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised. And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also, and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised." (Romans 12:9-12; NKJ)

A. Getting right with God is not by _____!

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"And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness." (Genesis 15:4-6; NKJ)

"So Abraham took Ishmael his son, all who were born in his house and all who were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very same day, as God had said to him." (Genesis 17:23; NKJ)

- Faith must _____ religious ritual!

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- Ritual without faith is _____ for salvation.
- Religious ritual can only be a _____ of faith.

"... and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised." (v12)

B. Getting right with God is not by keeping the _____.

"For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith." (v13)

"For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression." (v14)

C. Getting right with God is only _____ in Jesus Christ!

"Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.' And he was called the friend of God. You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only." (James 2:21-24; NKJ)