

Romans: Gospel of Paul

Lesson 9: Chapter 4:1-8

I. His Faithfulness 3:22 & 28

- A. Through Faith in Jesus Christ to all and on all who believe.
- B. That a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.
- C. Both verses use Jesus as an object of verbal pronoun Faith thus Jesus Faithfulness
 - 1. Dia Pisteos Iesou Christou
 - a) Pisteos (faith)
 - b) Iesou (Jesus)

II. Why Paul introduces Abraham

- A. Genealogy of Abraham: 11 Patriarchs
 - 1. Noah
 - 2. Shem
 - 3. Arphaxad
 - 4. Shelah
 - 5. Eber
 - 6. Peleg
 - 7. Reu
 - 8. Serug
 - 9. Nahor
 - 10. Terah
 - 11. Abraham
- B. Background on the Chaldea the land of Kush
 - 1. Each city ruled by a different God
 - 2. Ur ruled by Moon God Inanna/Sin
- C. How Abram (Exalted Father), became Abraham (Father of Multitude) and became the Father of Nations
 - 1. Hebrew: Sons of Eber. Shem is called the father of all the sons of Eber therefore Hebrew descendants are called Semites (Shemites).
 - 2. Terah and the three sons: Abram, Nahor, and Haran
 - 3. God calls out Abram to leave to the land of Canaan, initiation of a Covenant
 - a) Gen 12:1-3
 - 4. God changes Abram to Abraham
 - a) Gen 17:1-7 Covenant of Circumcision
 - 5. Ishmael the patriarch of Arabia, the moon god Sin, and the word Allah
 - a) Ishmael
 - b) the moon god Sin
 - c) Allah (descriptor not a name)
 - (1) Al ilah: The God
 - (2) Elah (Aramaic) for God
 - (3) Elohim (Hebrew) for God

III. Abraham's Righteousness Apart from Works

- A. Paul uses logic to prove Abraham was justified by Faith (4:1-3)
 - 1. Paul uses Genesis 15:6 to justify Abraham's Faith.
 - a) Gen 15:6 NET Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord considered his response of faith as proof of genuine loyalty.
 - 2. Even if Abraham could boast, he could not before God.
 - a) Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.
 - b) Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
 - (1) Glory of God - Can you attain eternal life on your own if sin abounds in you?
- B. One who works, the wages are not grace but debt (4:4)
 - 1. Romans 6:23 Holman For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 - 2. Romans 3:24-25 NKJV being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed
 - a) Therefore working for the wages is debt owed since Christ paid in full for the wages of sin
- C. One who doesn't work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly (4:5-8)
 - 1. Faith is accounted (imputed) for righteousness
 - a) Gen 15:6 NET Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord considered his response of faith as proof of genuine loyalty.
 - b) David's Psalm Holman 32:1-2 How joyful is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! How joyful is the man the Lord does not charge with sin and in whose spirit is no deceit!

IV. How does this relate to us today?

- A. Age old argument between Christians and Jews: Can you have faith by itself and work by itself since you claim "You have faith, and I have works?"
 - 1. James 2:14-26 "Faith Without Works is Dead"
- B. Religious to Relationship
 - 1. Work and Faith
 - 2. Carrying Your Sin vs Jesus became Sin and Paid the Price in Full
- C. No Faith to Faith
 - 1. I can't DO this anymore to I Don't have to do this anymore
 - a) Anytime you say I CAN'T DO this means you have yet to experience the measure of Faith.
 - b) Young in the Lord: I can't Do this anymore
 - c) Mature in the Lord: I Don't have to do this anymore

Interesting research to consider

11 Patriarchs from Noah to Abraham

**Note: AF - After Flood

Noah		Dies 350 AF	Abraham 58 yrs old
Shem		Dies 502 AF	Ishmael 124, Isaac 110, Jacob & Esau 50
Arphaxad:	Born 2AF	Dies 440 AF	Abraham 148, Ishmael 62, Isaac 48
Shelah:	Born 37 AF	Dies 470 AF	Ishmael 92, Isaac 78, Jacob & Esau 18
Eber:	Born 67 AF	Dies 531 AF	Ishmael 159, Isaac 139, Jacob & Esau 79
Peleg:	Born 101 AF	Dies 340 AF	Abraham 48
Reu:	Born 131 AF	Dies 370 AF	Abraham 78
Serug:	Born 163 AF	Dies 393 AF	Abraham 101, Ishmael 15, Isaac was 1
Nahor:	Born 193 AF	Dies 341 AF	Abraham 49
Terah:	Born 222 AF	Dies 427 AF	Abraham 135, Ishmael 49, Isaac 35
Abraham:	Born 292 AF	Dies 467AF	Ishmael 89, Isaac 75, Jacob & Esau 15
Ishmael	Born 378 AF	Dies 515 AF	
Isaac:	Born 392 AF	Dies 572 AF	at age 180

**Isaac's Wife Rebekah was from UR

Jacob:	Born 452 AF	Dies 599 AF	at age 147
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Shem, Shelah, and Eber lived past Abraham.

Shelah: 3 years longer

Shem: 35 years longer

Eber: 64 Years longer

Eber continued till 531AF, thus Eber was around till Jacob conceived Issachar. Reuben was 14

Esau took Hittite wives at 40 years old, 492 AF and Isaac was 100 years old

Jacob went to Abraham's brother Nahor's house, Laban grand son of Nahor. around age 57.

Worked 14 years for his wives, 20 years as a friend, 6 years for the cattle, and Jacob goes to Egypt at age 130 582 AF (1870 BCE)

Eber was a ruler of proto-arabian Mesopotamia, married into Ham's family by marrying Asshur who is the daughter of Nimrod, grand daughter of Kush, and great grand daughter of Ham.

Nimrod is the one who gathered everyone and united the people to build the tower of babel to go against what God said after the flood, "Go and replenish the earth".

Kush ruled to create the Chaldean nation and later be known as the Kushites

Founding patriarch of Afro-Asiatics and Afro-Arabians.

Chaldeans being polytheistic had different God rule each city.

City UR was ruled by Inanna (Sin), the moon god to which Abraham's father, Terah, was the head Priest of.

Thought From the birth of our Nation 1776 to 2016 is 240 years.

Compare our Nation 240 years how things have changed, imagine theirs.

Just as the Greeks hellenized the society around them, look at the Kushites.