

Romans: Gospel of Paul
Lesson 10: Chapter 4:9-25

I. Blessedness: God accounts for righteousness (David's Psalm 32:1-2)
Note: 1: The Calling, 2: Faith in the Promise, 3: Covenant

- A. Calling: Gen 12:1-3
- B. Believing in the Promise (Faith): Gen 15: 1-6
 - 1. Side Note: (from Rabbinical Literature) Eliezar of Damascus - Son of Masek; presented by Nimrod for the aggression against Sodom - also an idiom: a representation as of the holy spirit
 - a) went with Abraham to save Lot Gen 14
 - b) two of **his** young men, Eliezar and Ishmael, travelled with Abraham to Mount Moriah which took 3 days before Abraham took Isaac for the sacrifice Gen 22
 - c) went to find a wife for Isaac Gen 24
- C. Covenant of Faith (Circumcision): Gen17

II. Did Abraham's Righteousness come before or after Circumcision and how is it accounted? (9-10)

- A. Sign of Circumcision as a sign and a seal of righteousness of Faith (11-12)
 - 1. Father to the Gentiles
 - 2. Father to the Jews

III. Abraham's Righteousness apart from the Law (13-15)

- A. Promise - Unmerited Favor - Faith
- B. Law - Transgression - Wrath

IV. Abraham's Righteousness was by Faith (16-25)

- A. 1st Therefore
 - 1. it is of faith according to grace
 - a) Father of Many Nations
 - 2. Highlight Him: in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God...
 - 3. Contrary to hope, in hope believed...
 - 4. Not weak in Faith...
 - 5. He did not waver...
 - 6. Being fully convinced...
- B. 2nd Therefore: it was accounted to him for righteousness
- C. Reason is Jesus

V. Summary: Calling, Faith in the Promise, Jesus Covenant

1) If interested in reading about Eliezar, here is a link of interest:

<http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/5597-eliezer>

2) Some rabbinical teaching from the torah and talmud tells that God gave Eliezar the kingdom of OG for his faithfulness to Abraham. Here is a link to an interesting folklore written about OG.

http://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/3114473/jewish/Memoirs-of-Og-the-Not-So-Gentle-Giant.htm