

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for October 15, 1989

“Abraham Justified by Faith”
Romans 4
Part 4

Introduction - Romans presents the “good news.” First it presents the bad news, man under condemnation.

Body

1. Abraham justified by faith apart from works.

2. Abraham justified by grace apart from law.

Abram: father of many

Abraham: father of multitudes

Abraham: justified by divine power not human effort

V. 18 In hope against hope... a powerful expression Abraham in a hopeless situation (explained in V. 19) hoping. He hoped for the seed promised by God. He looked at himself and Sarah and saw hopelessness but he looked to God and had hope.

Can we have that same attitude for ourselves, hoping against hope? Hoping in what appears to be a hopeless situation?

John 11:25-26, our lives are slipping away yet we have life. Closer to the grave; closer to glory.

Any promise of God we can share in the hope of Abraham the same faith.

V. 20 Abraham grew in faith even as the circumstances made his situation too hopeless in the sight of the world.

We can all have the experience of Abraham trusting in the Lord’s promise.

“...with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God.”

V. 22 Faith procured justification.

V. 23-24 "... not for his sake only was it written, that it was reckoned to him, but for our sake also to whom it will be reckoned..."

We are the son's of the promise.