

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ABRAHAM

Romans 4:1-25
Key Verse: 4:17

Lesson 4

* GOD WHO JUSTIFIES THE WICKED (1-8)

1. On what basis was Abraham forgiven his sins and made right with God? What is the scriptural evidence for this?
2. Why is it so important that Abraham's righteousness was not earned by being circumcised or by doing some good work?
3. According to David, who is the really happy or blessed man? Why do you think David felt like this? Compare Psalm 31:1-5.
4. What was the common faith of David and Abraham? What does this mean to you?

* BY FAITH ALONE (9-12)

5. Why is it so important that Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness before he was circumcised rather than after? Of what is circumcision a sign?
6. What does it mean to walk in the footsteps Of Abraham's faith? What do all the descendants of Abraham have in common? Who are the true descendants of Abraham?
7. Why is it important to know that we are saved only by God's grace, through faith alone--and that nothing else is necessary?

* GOD WHO RAISES THE DEAD (13-25)

8. What promise did Abraham and his offspring receive? What do you think this means?
9. Why must the promise be received by faith rather than through the law? Why is this important to us? (13-16)
10. What did Abraham believe about God that his spiritual descendants also believe?
11. Why and how did Abraham become the "father of many nations"?
12. What was Abraham's specific problem? How did he apply his faith to his own problem? How did he give glory to God? what do you learn here about resurrection faith?

13. What must we believe, specifically, if we are to have our faith credited to us as righteousness? What does this mean to us?
14. What does this chapter teach us about the God of Abraham? How can we walk in the footsteps of Abraham's faith?
15. In what respect does this chapter lay a foundation for world mission? (Think especially about verses 13 and 17.)