

Bible Study 03-23-2011

Recap: (03-16-2011)

The advantage of being of Jewish:

1. Jews entrusted with the word of God

Faith does not permit us:

1. do evil (sin) so that good may result
see Romans 2:4 -

God's kindness, forbearance & patience
is intended to lead to repentance

unrighteousness brings out God's righteousness
more clearly

No one is righteous - Jews &

Gentiles are all under the power

of sin - see Romans Chapter 1 & 2

Gentiles - General revelation

Jews - specific revelation

~~Since the law is correct~~

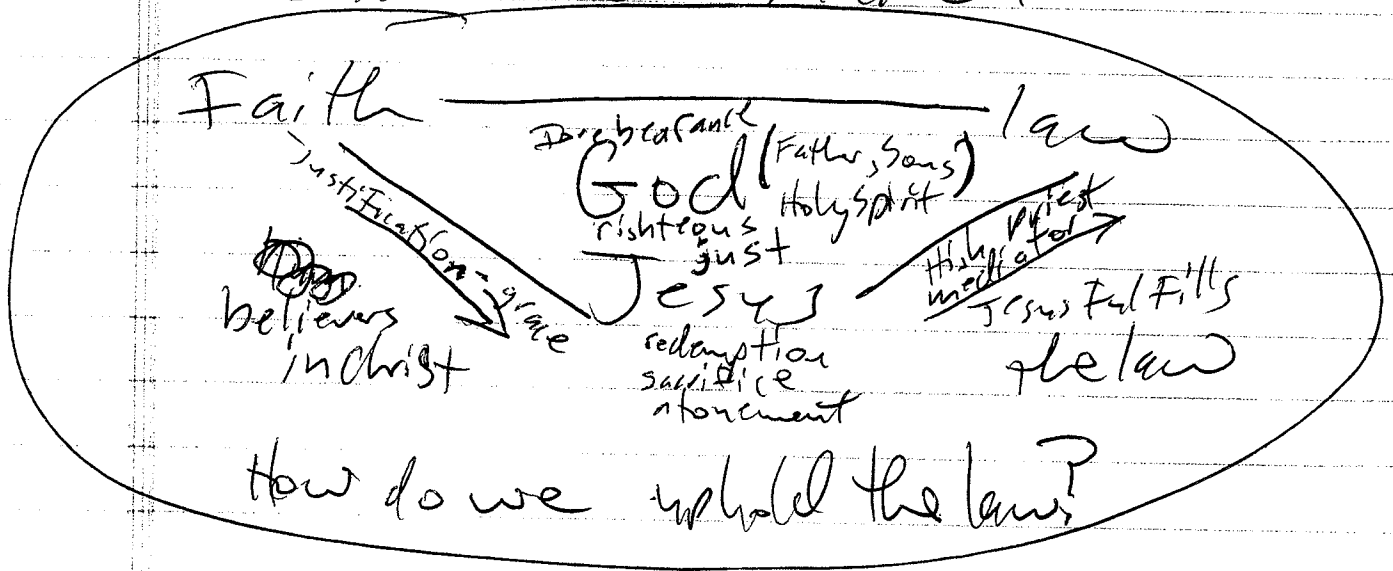
▶ the law silences every one & the
whole world is held accountable to God!

i.e. no one is declared righteous in
God's sight by works of the law

▶ by the law we become conscious of sin

the righteousness of God is made known
apart from the law.

this righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe



All have sinned & fallen short of the glory of God (see Genesis 1:27)

Where can we boast? Who does all of the work? Jesus! we are justified freely by his grace.

Boasting is excluded because of the law that requires faith.

God justifies all through faith!

so we ~~uphold~~ uphold the law through Faith, ^{only when we have} establish NASB, KJ fulfill NET ^{only when we have} Faith don't just fulfill the law

Abraham significant points:

1. Gen 12:1-4 Called by God @ 75 went as the Lord had told him
2. God made a promise to Abraham
3. Abraham made an altar to God

Gen 12:9

~~at~~ ~~around~~ ~~Beth~~ west of Bethel called on the name of the Lord

Gen 12:10-17
Egypt

4. Afraid of pharaoh ~~that~~ that he would kill him + take Sarah because she was so beautiful, tells Sarah to say she is his sister.

Abraham got sheep & cattle, male & female donkeys, male & female servants, & camels

5. Nephew was Lot

Gen 13

6. Lot pick the better land when they separated

Gen 14

7. Rescued Lot

8. Abraham gave tithe to Melchizedek ^{high priest of God most high} king of Salem

Genesis 15

9. God makes a covenant with Abraham
- 10 - Abraham believed the Lord & God credited to him as righteousness

Genesis 16:16

~~Genesis 16~~ Hagar & Ishmael

11. 86 years old when Ishmael is born

Genesis 17:24

12. Circumcised @ 99 years old

Genesis 17:17

13. Sarah is 10 years younger than Abraham

50, 45, 40, 30, 20, 10

Genesis 18:16-4. Abraham pleads for Sodom
-33 How often do we plead for others?

18. Genesis 20:1-17 King of Gerar told Abimelech that Sarah was his sister. He took her

Gen. 20:11-13. Afraid of those who do not fear God

Gen 20:7-17. Prophet

Gen 21:1-3. Father of Isaac @ 100
Sarah 90

Gen 22:1-19. Tested to sacrifice Isaac

How are justification by faith & justification by grace related?

James 2:21-24 - person is considered righteous by what they do & not by faith alone. How do you reconcile this with Romans 4? Is there a contradiction?

Hebrews 11:8-19 - Faith in action

Rom 4:5 - God justifies the
ungodly - this would be a shock
to Jewish readers
Exodus 23:7
Prov 17:15

Why God accepts as righteous unholly
people on the basis of absolutely nothing
but faith

Rom 4 v 6 David was guilty of adultery & the
death of a loyal follower

David	Abraham
murder & adultery Uriah Bathsheba	known for obedience

but conduct of neither merited God's
Favor

Ps 32:1-2 The forgiveness that Followers, relieved an
enormous burden of guilt

Those who are forgiven the most, love the
most Luke 7:47
what is it about forgiveness that makes it so
powerful?

99 = ^{when} Abraham is circumcised
75 = ~~off~~ when Abraham was called

24 years had elapsed

think of it
notary
~~public~~
or house
deeds

circumcision = sign + seal

⇒ authenticated
the ~~contracts~~
by faith
that Abraham
had ~~made~~
still ~~circumcised~~

pointed to what it represented

think of sign of a Grainger - Bakery
no Buildy - it represents something
it is not that something

So circumcision was a sign that Abraham
already had faith + that God had
already accepted him.

use wedding ring illustration

circumcision = ceremonial act that witnessed
to covenant between God & humans

✦ There is only one way to be justified & that is the way of Faith

✦ Conduct demonstrates the reality of Faith

✦ Knowledge of God transforms lives

Doctrine vs behavior

AD Abraham's promise from God had its roots in faith

✦ Law cannot produce a promise
It can only bring about wrath

Irony? Jews counted on the law to make them acceptable to God & it turned out to emphasize their sinfulness.

by failing to fulfil the demands of the law, Jews were made conscious of sin - in the same boat as Gentiles in need of the grace of God.

i. the promise comes by faith

it is an act of grace.

Matt 19:26 - with God all things
are possible

Faith goes beyond human potentiality

The church of Jesus Christ is in
desperate need of those who will
insist that God is able to bring to pass
anything that is consistent with his
nature & in concert with his redemptive
purposes

Abraham's faith was strengthened through
the ordeal,

Romans 4:21 - wrap up here

Can God? ~~is~~ invalid question, why?
Will God's drives our prayer even closer to
his heart.