

Romans #059

“Father Abraham had many sons”

Romans 4:1-5

Decision making is the correct procedure for analyzing every circumstance in life in light of the Word of God and moving forward compatible with His purpose for my life.

The believer who reacts to the past is a loser in the present and he fails to glorify God now and in the future as a result.

Christian service is based on spiritual skills preceding production skills to produce divine good.

Biblical truth is the currency we use to purchase time that glorifies God forever.

The time that is purchased through spiritual means is time that belongs to you personally and that glorifies God forever.

Awareness requires extensive knowledge, accurate interpretation and persistent application.

The issue in salvation is justification: How are we declared righteous before God; by works or by faith?

Justification applies equally to Jews and Gentiles.

What the Mosaic Law is stating is that no one can have a relationship with God, or get into Heaven, unless they have the perfect righteousness of God.

The law of faith is the only way to have the perfect righteousness of God and therefore, the law of faith establishes the Law because it fulfills what the Law could not in providing righteousness.

What the righteousness of God demands, the justice of God executes through the love of God expressed in the grace of God.

What the righteousness of God approves, the justice of God provides through the grace of God, as an expression of the love of God to the believer.

What the righteousness of God condemns, the justice of God judges but always in the love of God, so the divine solution is provided thru the grace of God.

There is nothing wrong with observing the Law for the right reason; what was wrong was observing the Law for the wrong reason.

Circumcision or Jewish ritual, is not what gets you the grace of God.

Faith in Jesus Christ doesn't cancel the true purpose of the Law in condemning sin and pointing to Christ as the only means of salvation; there's no conflict between justification by faith and the true purpose of the Law.

The believer who attains salvation adjustment to the justice of God establishes the true purpose of the Mosaic Law.

Faith validates everything that was said in the Law which was to point out man's inability, not his ability.

Man, naturally relies on his own

self-sufficiency—that somehow, he can go it alone and receive credit for it.

So, there's a self-confidence from the sin nature that we can do enough, by following

standards and rituals to gain
God's approval.

Abraham is the father of us all who believe in verse 18 and father means pattern.

Abraham is recognized not only as father of the Jewish race but one of
the greatest believers of all time.

The pattern from the OT indicates there's no difference between NT and OT salvation.

A Judaizer taught that, in order for a Christian to truly be justified before God, he must
conform to the

Mosaic Law.

With the legalist, there is no such thing as instant adjustment to the justice of God; you
have to work for a long period of time to develop self-righteousness by observing the
Mosaic Law.

**Justification is the judicial act of God where mankind makes salvation adjustment to
Him, freeing the justice of God to provide divine righteousness and vindication.**