

Romans # 062

“Ritual with reality is beneficial”

Romans 4:9-12

Circumcision has significance to Israel as a part of their spiritual heritage, but spiritual heritage is useless apart from personal relationship with the integrity of God.

There is no merit in faith itself, all of the merit is in the object of faith.

All blessing from the justice of God demands possession of the righteousness of God.

The principle on which blessing comes from the justice of God is grace.

We have noted that there are no advantages in being a Jew apart from relationship with the integrity of God.

Salvation occurred for Abraham when he was living in circumstances which had nothing to do with Israel.

Circumcision was a ritual to commemorate Abraham’s maximum relationship with the integrity of God, his sexual prosperity and the point at which the new race began.

The ritual was related to maximum biblical truth in the soul at a time when Abraham was sexually dead and therefore totally helpless as far as doing anything about fulfilling the promise of the Abrahamic covenant.

Circumcision was a ritual mark of memorial guarantee that the integrity of God always keeps a promise.

Abraham through maximum biblical truth resident in his soul, had capacity to enjoy the blessing.

Potential + capacity = reality.

Potential is God’s righteousness given at salvation; the cup.

Capacity is maximum biblical truth in the soul or spiritual maturity.

Reality is blessing.

Potential/God’s imputed righteousness+ capacity/maximum truth in the soul= reality/ blessing.

Circumcision is a ritual which memorializes blessing from the justice of God which came long after the imputation of the righteousness of God.

The same principle applies to our day, no ritual, including baptism can save.

Salvation adjustment to the justice of God, regardless of dispensation, occurs in exactly the same way: faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ alone.

One of the great future blessings for greater-grace Abraham was resuscitation from sexual death which made possible the continuation of the new race of Jews and made him father

of many nations as well.

Circumcised Abraham is the pattern for spiritual maturity and believing Abraham is the pattern for salvation.

It’s to our advantage to keep learning the Word; to keep advancing in ranks under authority.

The basis for justification has nothing to do with circumcision, or the Mosaic Law; it has to do with simply and only believing in the promise

of God.

Abraham becomes the pattern for Jews and Gentiles in the 3 adjustments to the justice of God.

Since all divine blessing comes from the justice of God and divine justice cannot bless sinful man, it's necessary for God in grace to provide His righteousness to the recipient of divine blessing.

God cannot accept anything less than perfect righteousness and God cannot bless anything less than perfect righteousness.

The justice of God administers what the righteousness of God demands; therefore, the justice of God cannot bless unless the recipient has a righteousness equivalent to God's.

With the imputation of divine righteousness and resulting justification, all other divine blessings, temporal and eternal, above and beyond ultimate sanctification are potential.