

Outline - Sunday, January 18, 2015

Sermon Title: The Gospel to the Romans: The Life of Saving Faith In Abraham

Scripture Reading: Romans 4:13-25

- 1. "The Law worketh wrath": vs 15
 - a. Adam died—spiritually: Rom 5:12/1 Cor 15:22
 - b. Israel died: Hosea 13:1/Ezekiel 37:1-10/Rom 6:23a
 - c. Christ died: vs 25a—Substitutionally/Salvifically
- 2. Therefore, by the law faith must be made void (irrelevant): vs 14
 - a. They operate on two different bases: Gal 3:11-12
 - b. Law says—you must do it/Faith says—He did it for you: Rom 4:23-24
- 3. The nature of faith rooted in the Grace of God: vs 16
 - a. The glory of Grace by faith: Ps 84:11/Rom 1:17
 - b. Grace is the source of faith: 2 Pet 1:1/1 Pet 1:20-21/Eph 2:8-9
 - c. Grace is the object of faith: John1:14/Isa 45:22/2 Cor 3:18/Heb 12:1 "It depends upon grace." "Faith feeds on Christ crucified, risen, and reigning as our mediator." John 15:5-8
- 4. Grace is the security of the promise: vs 16
 - a. The assurance of faith is what? ____ Heb 6:13-15
 - b. Grace is <u>the unchangeable</u> work of God in Christ for us: Mal 3:6/John 10:25-27; 5:24/Jer 32:39-40/Is 54:17/Rom 8:32-33
- 5. Abraham an example of Faith through Grace: vs 17
 - a. The Promise of Grace—(before) Abraham: vs 17/Gen 17:5
 - b. The **Principle** of faith—(in) Abraham: vs18/Gen 15:6 (believed—Amen)
 - c. The **Practice** of faith—(through) Abraham: vs 19, 21/Phil 2:12-13
 - d. The <u>Reward</u> of Faith—(to) Abraham: vs 22 "It was imputed." What?

Application: When we look to Christ and walk by faith, we too have that justifying righteousness that secures to us the promises of God, which cannot fail!

Because God cannot lie!