

Guarding the Gospel of Grace

Preserving Liberty in Christ

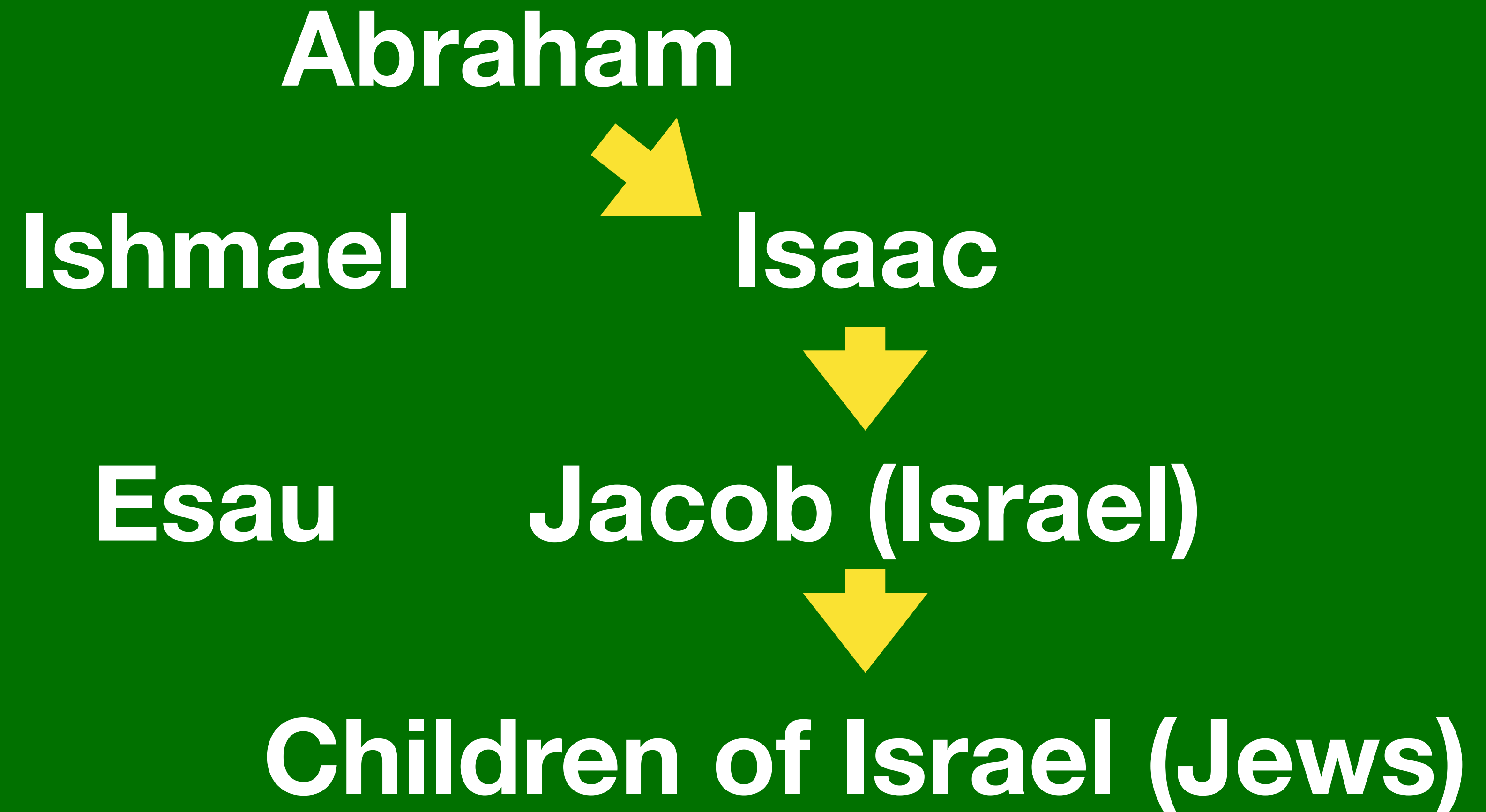


Abraham's Legacy

Children by physical birth - his genealogy

Children by spiritual birth - his faith

Abraham's Physical Legacy



150 Years

13 college presidents
65 college professors
75 military officers
80 public servants
60 authors
60 doctors
30 judges
100 pastors
100 lawyers
3 u.s. senators
a vice president

587/1400

**JONATHAN
EDWARDS**

LEAVE A LEGACY

757/1200

310 died as paupers
150 criminals
7 murderers
100+ drunks
190 prostitutes

**MAX
JUKES**

What was God's original plan of evangelism?

Genesis 18:12

**Parents evangelizing children,
who evangelize the grandchildren,
who evangelize the great-grandchildren, ...**

The Book of Galatians

1-2 The Gospel of Grace **Defended**

➔ 3-4 The Gospel of Grace **Explained**

5-6 The Gospel of Grace **Applied**



Galatians 3:1-5

A. How did you **Learn** about **Christ**? 1

B. How did you **Come** to **Christ**? 2

C. How do you **Grow** in **Christ**? 3-5



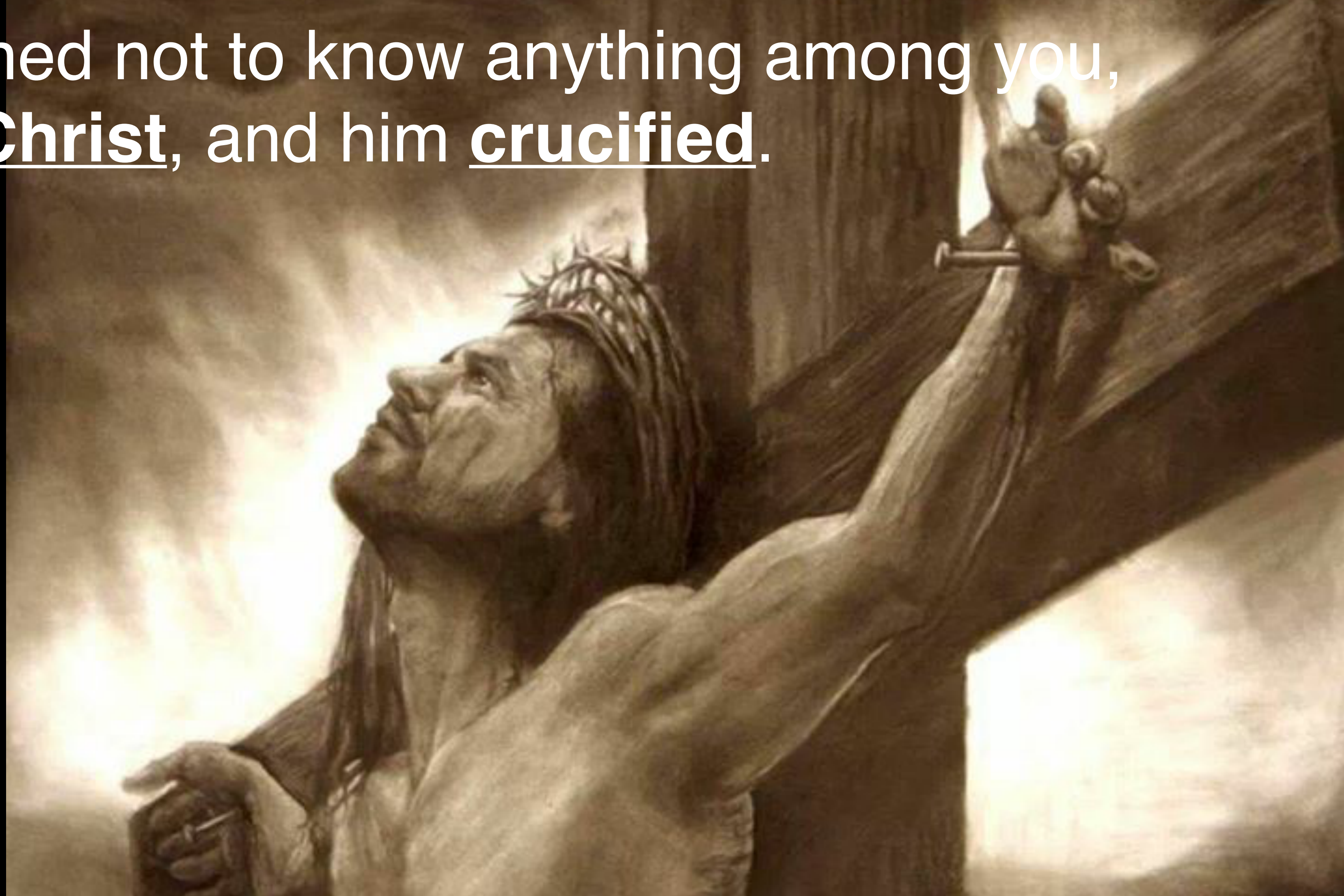
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1 Corinthians 2:2

For I determined not to know anything among you,
save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.



How did you receive the Spirit?

**Works
of the Law?**

- OR -

**Hearing
of Faith?**



How did you continue to grow?

**Works
of the Flesh?** **- OR -** **Power
of the Spirit?**

Abraham's Spiritual Legacy

Children by physical birth - his genealogy

Children by spiritual birth - his faith

Galatians 3:6-9



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C. Abraham's **Blessing** 8-9



Galatians 3:6–9

Abraham's Faith ⁶ Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Abraham's Legacy ⁷ Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

Abraham's Blessing ⁸ And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed. ⁹ So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

A. Abraham's **Faith**

- He **believed** God!
- He was **accounted** righteous!

B. Abraham's **Legacy**

- If we **believe** God
- We are **children** of Abraham
- (Meaning: we are **accounted** righteous, too!)

Romans 4:8-9

⁸ **Blessed** is the man to whom the Lord will not **impute** sin.

⁹ Cometh this **blessedness** then upon the **circumcision** only, or upon the **uncircumcision** also? For we say that **faith** was reckoned to Abraham for **righteousness**.

Romans 4:16

¹⁶ Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the **promise** might be sure to **all the seed**; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all.

C. Abraham's **Blessing**

- What the Scripture **says:**
 - Seeing (ahead of time) that **God** would **justify** the **Gentiles** through **faith**
 - Preached the **gospel** (ahead of time) to **Abraham**

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Gentiles

C. Abraham's **Blessing**

- What the Scripture **means**:
 - Those who **believe** receive Abraham's **blessing**
 - Those who **believe** join Abraham's **spiritual legacy**

Why is this important?

For Salvation

Heaven vs. the Lake of Fire

Blessing vs. Cursing

For Growth in Christ

Living under law vs. living under grace

Living in God's power vs. your own strength

How does all of this **work out**?

- Justification is based on **faith alone**

Romans 4:11-12

¹⁶ And he received the **sign** of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the **faith** which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that **believe**, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be **imputed** unto them also; and the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that **faith** of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

How does all of this **work out**?

- Justification is based on **faith alone**
- Your salvation is based on **faith alone**
 - Or, I will never know if I have worked enough.
 - Or, I will never be able to rest in peace.
- Your salvation is based on **faith alone**
 - But, salvation produces good works

James 2:21

²¹ Was not **Abraham** our father **justified** by **works**, when he had **offered** Isaac his son upon the altar?

How does all of this **work out?**

- Abraham **Heard God's Word.** Have **you?**
- Abraham **Believed God's Word.** Do **you?**
- Abraham **Obeyed God's Word.** Have **you?**
- Abraham **Trusted God's Word.** Do **you?**

