

8. Of whom is Abraham noted as being the father? What does this teach us about faith?
9. What was Abraham's faith like before he was circumcised?
10. What do verses 19-25 teach about "the promise to Abraham"?

Summary and Application Questions

11. What is the point of the words, "it was counted to him"?
12. Why don't works work for making a person justified before God?
13. For what works should we expect to receive payment/reward?
14. What have you learned from this chapter about justification for yourself and for others?
15. What has this chapter taught you about God?

Paul's Epistle to the **ROMANS**

Lesson 7 - Romans 5

Assignments

1. Continue to memorize Romans 5:1-11. Practice writing it down in small sections (e.g. 2 verses at a time).

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2. Use your ***Romans Scripture Journal*** to mark up the text and make notes about the text. Be prepared to share with the class your *observations* of the text. (e.g. Questions you have about the text; things you have never noticed before; things you have been reminded of that are important; repeated or key words, phrases, concepts, etc.; important concepts/ideas used outside of Romans; things that impressed you; something you learned about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit; something you learned about yourself from the text; etc.)

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Here in chapter 5, Paul summarizes the argument he's been making about justification—that is, the pronouncement by the Judge (God the Father) that a person who has been found guilty of wrongdoing (sin) is now regarded as right (righteous). His argument has been all along that we—the wrongdoers—are not the judges of others to pronounce them as guilty, nor are we the judges of ourselves to pronounce ourselves as righteous when we have been wrongdoers. Our wrongdoing (sin) has been sourced in our trust/faith in self, and lack of trust/faith in God to obey Him and His law. The problem with the law is that it does not pronounce a person right when they have broken the law, it pronounces them guilty. The problem with circumcision is that it does not make a person righteous once they have sinned and broken faithfulness with God by not keeping His law. Not only can we not undo the guilt of our own problem of sin once we've done it, there is no other person who can undo it for us either, because they too have established their own problem of sin in their life. What is needed to fix this problem of our sin and its consequence is someone who not only is sinless, but who also only and always works what is righteous without fail—someone who will pay the penalty price for us so that we won't have to pay it. That's where Jesus comes in, and that's what chapter 5 is about—Jesus, our solution to escaping the righteous judgment of God by faith in Him.

Questions

1. How does a person obtain access into God's grace?
2. How does being justified by faith benefit us? How does that compare with what Paul has already stated about attempting to be justified by other means?
3. How can hardships in life bring about positive changes in our lives?
4. To whom has the Holy Spirit been given, and what does that accomplish?
5. How does Paul describe "us" and "we" in verses 6-11?

6. What significant points does Paul make about Christ's death in vv. 6-11? (Note that "Christ" means "anointed"—as in a king who is appointed to rule over and care for the best interest others—and take note of how this reference to Jesus impacts Paul's explanation and meaning for us about the death of Jesus)
7. Define reconciliation and the significance of Paul's use of it in vv. 6-11.
8. In verses 12-21 who does Paul compare and contrast for his point about justification? Summarize Paul's point with these two individuals.
9. Does verse 12 teach that a person inherits the sin of another? Explain your answer. (See Eph. 2:1; Col. 2:13; 2 Cor. 5:10; Ezekiel 18)
10. In verses 12-14, what is Paul's point about sin in the world?
11. What is the "gift," and how is it different than the "trespass"?
12. What is the difference between law and grace and what they accomplish?
13. What is a meaningful lesson you have taken from this chapter for your life?
14. What is something from this chapter that will help you in sharing the gospel with others?