

“Reckoned Righteous” • Genesis 15
Mt. Lassen Community Church • August 31, 2025

Intro • *Why do you suppose God chose “faith” as the means of salvation?*

Genesis 15:1 • Review: Abram has learned to risk his life for others (ch 14). He has also given up a huge earthly reward; but God promises him a greater reward...

15:2–3 • Abram sees his barrenness as an obstacle to God’s promises

→ Learning to trust God when things don’t make sense is a huge step of Christian growth!

Greatest example: The disciples devastated by Jesus’ death! But on Sunday they discovered God makes things better than ever!

Discuss • *What is the most confusing thing about God that you’ve had to wrestle with?*

15:4–6 • Abram believes God when He says he’ll have a son from his own body (even as a super–old man!)

God sees Abram’s faith in this, and reckons Abram as **RIGHTEOUS** in God’s sight

Romans 4:1–5 • Abram’s faith and imputed righteousness is unpacked by the Apostle Paul as the **MODEL** of our salvation—by faith alone, and never by works.

Warning: The simple Gospel of salvation by grace through faith (Eph 2:8–9) is being redefined in many churches!

Genesis 15:7–8 • Despite his faith, Abram still questions God! But this is **STILL FAITH**—because Abram is asking God for info, instead of some other god, or simply trusting in himself!

Faith can be a “mustard seed” (Mark 4:31)
Faith can be “Lord I believe; help my unbelief” (Mark 9:24)

Discuss • *“We shouldn’t measure faith as monumental or miniscule—because ultimately, faith is acknowledging you are **WEAK** and God is **STRONG**—therefore you trust in Him!”*

15:9–11 • God has Abram set up a “covenant sacrifice.” This was an ancient way two parties would make an agreement or contract. By walking through the divided sacrifice together, they were saying, “if I break this bargain, I’m ‘dead meat’!” (Jeremiah 24:18–19)

Isaiah 42:6 • Jesus is called a “Covenant.” His death is pictured by the bloody, gruesome covenant sacrifice we see Abram preparing.

Genesis 15:12–16 • God will bring His people into captivity for 400 years because the iniquity of the Amorite (Canaanites) is not yet complete.

Discuss • *God is criticized for Joshua’s conquest of Canaan, yet here we see a different side: that God gave them 400 years of **PATIENCE**! What does it mean “their iniquity is not yet complete”?*

15:17–21 • God walks through the Covenant Sacrifice **ALONE**! Abram doesn’t walk with Him. This means God is fulfilling this promise with or without Abram. It is **ONE–SIDED**; it is a **GUARANTEE**.

This is why we preach the Gospel of **FAITH ALONE**, not by works. Jesus secured our salvation **ON HIS OWN**. We simply **BELIEVE** in His work on our behalf, and are made righteous in Him.

And then we **RESPOND** to His **GRACE** by living the Christian life of following Him, obeying Him, being His disciples, and becoming more and more like Him!

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Today's Sermon – Reckoned Righteous • Genesis 15 August 31, 2025

Upcoming Events –

Thursday Bible Study • Israel pt 3, Brian Tilford

Church in the Park, Baptism, & Picnic •

Next Sunday, Sept. 7 • 9:30am

Baptism Mini-Study • Today, after church

LACC & MLCC Women's Bible Study • Starts 9/2
6-Week study from Mary Shannon's Lose Control

Church Services Back Inside

Sept 14, 9:30am • Note: ONE service!

We will continue gathering all together in one service to enjoy worship and fellowship undivided! We will add chairs as needed.

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