



THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

events

Join us from 9:30-10 am for a **time of fellowship** before the worship service.

Please sign-in your children for **Nursery and Kids' Church**.

Middle School Youth Group
Wednesdays 6 - 7:30 pm

Thank you to all who made time to interact with and encourage Joe over these last few weeks he was with us.

Discover Grace Class is on Sundays **Mar 27 and Apr 3**, 8:30-9:30 in the gazebo.

Spring Equipping Class, **Theology - Knowing God**, starting Wed, Mar 16, 4:30 pm.

Communion next Sunday

Men's Breakfast April 9 at 8 am

Way of the Cross - Apr 10-16

Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church

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Romans 4:13-25

Big Idea: In today's text, Paul continues to explain why our embracing faith alone is absolutely essential to our experiencing God's grace in salvation.

- The guarantee of our promised inheritance
- Using Abraham's faith to encourage ours
- Faith/Hope in the God Who resurrects

GRACE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Larger Context: The Saving Righteousness of God — Romans 3:21-4:25

God's Righteousness in the Death of Jesus (Rom. 3:21-26)

1. The law of God is a great equalizer. The ground is level at the foot of the cross, because, since all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory (Rom. 3:23), all need Jesus. How is God's righteousness manifested in Jesus Christ (Rom. 3:21-22)?
2. How can God be called just if he passes over sins (Rom. 3:25-26)?

Righteousness by Faith for Jews and Gentiles (Rom. 3:27-31)

1. What is it about the nature of faith that precludes boasting (Rom. 3:27)?
2. Paul is clear that salvation comes to us as a gift received by faith, not by works, but at the same time that God's commandments are not abolished. How does justification by faith uphold the law?

Abraham as the Father of Jews and Gentiles (Rom. 4:1-25)

1. A question from last week... In Romans 4:9-11, what does Paul point out about the order of Abraham's faith and his circumcision? Why is this significant for our lives today?
2. New questions for this week...
3. From these continuing verses, describe the faith of Abraham, and explain who Abraham's offspring are.
4. Reflect on Romans 4:19. What is the connection between Abraham's seeing his own aged body and Sarah's barrenness, and his realization that he could not find strength through the law?
5. How did Abraham face the facts of his situation, and what happened to his faith as he waited for God to fulfill His promise?
6. What difficult situation has God used (or is using) to strengthen your faith?