

Spiritual Readiness¹

Book of Romans – 4:1-25

Application Questions

Read Romans 4:1-25

- 1) In vv. 1-8 – we take for granted “salvation” is by faith. *“Abraham believed God and it was counted to Him as righteousness.”* (Rom. 4:3)

Go back to Genesis 15:6 – look at the context of Genesis 15, who is included in the promise of “inheritance” (or salvation) from the LORD?

- 2) In vv. 9-12 – we think circumcision is irrelevant to us. What is the point being made by Paul about circumcision *and you* according to Abraham and vv. 11-12?

Go back to Genesis 17:9-14 – notice circumcision is mentioned here for the first time some 15 years after the Covenant of Abraham was established in chapter 15. What does this say about whether or not circumcision is necessary for “salvation”?

- 3) On a side note, if Denominations that perform infant baptism equate baptism with circumcision as the sign and seal of the covenant, but if circumcision is not required (according to Paul), then what does this say about baptism?

Does infant baptism save you?

Does any baptism save you?

What does?

- 4) Finally, if circumcision or baptism has nothing to do with your salvation, then why get baptized? Read Matthew 28:19-20. Discuss.

¹ “Already, not yet.” We are studying Romans so that you understand the gospel of Jesus and are Spiritually Ready for the Day of Salvation.