

Abraham and Faith

Faith – Hearing a report from God and then acting upon it.

Abrahamic Covenant involved the land, the seed and the blessing.

- **The Covenant was introduced to Abraham before he was a follower of God. (Gen. 12:1-9)**
- **The Covenant was made with Abraham without any conditions for him to fulfill. (Gen. 15:18-21)**
- **The Covenant was reaffirmed with Abraham before the sign of circumcision. (Gen. 17:1-14)**
- **Abraham's faith in the covenant-making God was proven by his willingness to sacrifice. (Gen. 22:1-19)**

Isa 51:1-2 "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. 2 Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him."

Abraham was justified by faith, not works (vs. 1-17a).

If by works, there is a reason for pride (v. 2).

Eph. 2:8,9

If by works, we are owed something (v. 4).

Rom. 3:20

Gal. 2:16

Hebrews 11:1-2

It's faith, not genetics, **that links us to Abraham.**

Matthew 3:9

Gal 3:1-11

Abraham held confidence in God when facing human impossibility (vs. 17b-21).

"life to the dead" "calls into existence things that do not exist" (v. 17)

"believed against hope" (v. 18)

"did not weaken in faith" "considered his own body...good as dead" "barrenness of Sarah's womb" (v. 19)

"no unbelief" "grew strong" (v. 20)

"fully convinced" (v. 21)

We are counted as righteous by the same means as Abraham (vs. 22-25).

Heb 11:8-12

Heb. 11:6

The big question...