

*Romans 060*

**“Father Abraham had many sons” Part 2**

***Romans 4:1-5***

***“Since it is then evident that he (Abraham) was justified freely, his posterity, who claimed a righteousness of their own by the Law, ought to have been made silent even through shame.” John Calvin***

**‘That which we can never attain we may obtain and that which we cannot earn we may receive.’**

**What is the Gospel?**

**It’s the message of the good news of salvation, the Word of truth offered to mankind by grace through faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross.**

**God’s love is the expression of  
His integrity toward His creatures  
in providing a grace solution for the  
gift of righteousness to reach them.**

**God shows no favoritism to people and there’s no difference between the method He used to declare all mankind sinfully condemned and the method by which He now declares man righteous in Christ; His integrity rules.**

**This explains the Mosaic Law as an instrument of condemnation rather than for salvation or justification because the Law is incapable of making man righteous before the integrity of God; it cannot justify, only the justice of God can do that.**

**If Christianity was founded by Jesus Christ and His followers only  
2,000 years ago, it wouldn’t be worth our consideration.**

**The Jews had a special place as a nation because of their physical relationship to Abraham but they had a distorted view of traditions and ordinances which blinded them to the true meaning of Abraham’s calling to faith alone in Christ alone.  
Paul will tell us in *Romans 4:1* that there’s no good in Abraham, any more than there’s good in any member of the human race.**

**We read of many wrong things that Abraham did in the sight of the Lord and also that he was saved, declared righteous, because he believed God.**

**Abraham was able to relate to God because he received the grace of God.**

***As sinners, we are bankrupt before Him with insufficient funds to redeem ourselves.*  
Since it’s totally impossible for us to provide the righteousness that God’s character demands, the only way for Him to do it, is to provide it Himself  
and give it to us as a free gift.**

**To be a Hebrew like Abraham, is to be "born again" to a new life outside the evil world-system.**

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***Forgiveness subtracts sin but justification adds righteousness.***

**God is not impressed with human beings: human ability, human personality, human good, or human works; God is only impressed with His righteousness and His works. The Protestant view of justification by faith alone means that God looks at you, the defendant and because you are covered by the righteousness of Jesus Christ, God the Father, the judge, declares you not guilty.**

**It doesn't make you not guilty; it does not change you but you are declared not guilty because Jesus Christ paid the penalty.**

**Mechanics for Abraham's adjustment to God is clearly defined as believing and his faith in Jesus Christ is compatible with the grace principle of salvation.**

**In reality, the Judaizers rejected the God of Abraham and Moses; the Lord Jesus Christ.**