

Romans #066

“Our God is faithful”

part 3

*Romans 4:18-22*

If God could bring life as we know it to include the heavens and the earth with all its inhabitants by a word; it really isn't anything for Him to bring life to a sexually dead couple in their nineties.

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The Judgment Seat of Christ is for rewards and lack of rewards regarding faithfulness with what God gave us and to live in guilt is lack of faith in Him, minimizing His impact in your life.

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Hope is confident expectation becoming absolute expectation about the future, when we use God's grace problem-solving techniques.

There is no worse suffering than to look at our life at the point of dying and have nothing but regrets.

If we're looking backward, it's on our agenda in arrogant self-justification; lying to ourselves in self-deception.

Once we persevere with biblical truth and grow in personal love for God and spiritual self-esteem, then we have the confidence of gaining spiritual maturity.

The second hope is motivation to press on to that divine blessing waiting for us since eternity past, so that Christ can be glorified.

*In Hebrews 11, Abraham died in a tent, but he knew he had a home in Heaven.*

The glory of Jesus Christ is far greater than anything else we could possibly value in time.

Maximum truth in the soul makes for decisions in favor of the reality of God over any hopeless situation in life.

The righteousness and justice of God were more real to Abraham than his problem.

*Weakness in faith would have been lack of the Word of God.*

The more truth we have in our souls,

the more we understand God and

the more awe and respect we have for Him and His plan of grace, the greater our capacity for life, happiness, blessing and love and the greater the reality of His integrity, the greater our intimacy with His Son.

Abraham had total understanding of his hopeless situation without emotional reaction, bitterness or frustration because he had truth and a relationship with God where the His integrity was more real than anything else.

God has many promises for us today but these promises are only meaningful when we have His truth in our souls.

Every weakness in the believer's life is from malnutrition—lack of spiritual food or truth.

**Truth in the soul is the energy of the Christian life; without it, there's no power or ability to face adversity.**

*The believer's power comes from wisdom in his soul and his ability to relate that wisdom to experiences and circumstances of life.*

**At spiritual maturity, Abraham had complete faith-rest through the application of truth to his experience because truth in the soul brings into focus the reality of God.**

**Hopeless situations are a means of blessing to us and glorification of God.**

**Abraham has confidence from his relationship with God as a result of His Word in his soul and this occurs not only for Abraham but anyone at any time in history who breaks the maturity barrier.**

**A mature believer or one advancing doesn't have to be told about or promised blessings every minute.**

**Spiritual maturity has total confidence in God, not in any human system of security or blessing in life.**

**Spiritual maturity is the place of power, first in thought, then in happiness, then in blessing, then in confidence and finally in production.**

**As a mature believer, Abraham had love for the source of blessing and capacity to enjoy blessings, without losing the idea of grace while enjoying the blessings; this is how we can have power without abusing it, blessing without flaunting it and true thanksgiving or appreciation for the source without forgetting it.**