

Questions Concerning Abraham

Text - Romans 4:9-12

In Romans 4:1-8 Paul refers to three events in Abraham's life:

- God _____ Abraham and promised to _____ him
- Abraham _____ God
- God _____ his _____ to him as _____

I. What is The _____? - v.9

Romans 4 describes it as:

- God credits righteousness to a person's account without them having to _____ for _____ - v.6
- Someone's _____ deeds are _____ - v.7
- Someone's _____ are _____ - v.7
- Someone becomes an _____ of the _____ - v.13
- At its core it is a _____ with _____ and all that goes with it. It means to be _____ to God.

II. What is the _____ Question? - v.9

Paul basically asks: Can a person have the blessing of a

_____ with _____ by only _____ and _____ the New Testament message about _____? Or do they have to know about the _____ do's & don'ts?

III. Was Abraham _____ by _____? - v.9-12

In v.9-10 Paul in essence asks: Was Abraham's salvation a _____ of his _____ in God's promise along with his _____ to God's command? The _____ of Abraham's life gives the clear answer.

- He was _____ when Ishmael was born - Genesis 16:16
- He was _____ when he was circumcised - Genesis 17:24
- He was declared _____ by God for his _____ before _____ was conceived - Gen. 15:6; 16:2-4
- Conclusion - Abraham was justified by God at least _____ before he was _____.

v.11 - God _____ to give Abraham circumcision just so he would not confuse the _____ with what it _____.

Many in our day ask similar questions about _____.

- It is a _____ testimony of our _____ with _____.
- It serves as an outward picture of Christ's _____, _____ and _____ in our place.
- It is the _____ step of _____ for a new Christian. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Acts 10:34-48 gives the clear Biblical order:

1. You _____ the _____ of God - v.38-43
2. You _____ the _____ of God - v.43-44
3. You _____ the _____ of God - v.44
4. You get _____ as a _____ - v.47-48