

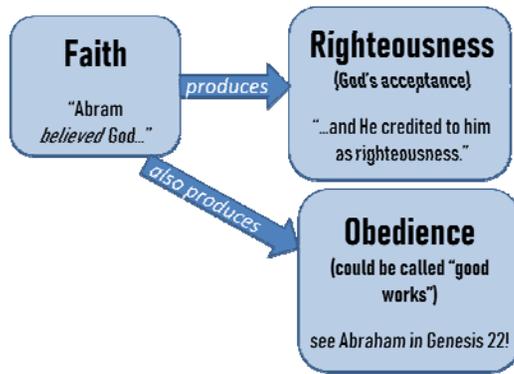
## Faith

Genesis 15:1-6

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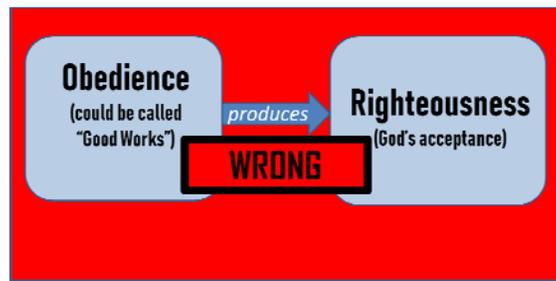
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- What a horribly wasted life! (23:41) No good works! Yet he expresses his true faith, and he is promised paradise with Jesus.
- This is because his faith led to God's acceptance! (righteousness)

How does the truth of Genesis 15:6 affect *this* life?

And let us consider how the Lord's Supper has everything to do with what we covered today...

### Community group or further discussion

1. Our passage (Genesis 15:1-6) doesn't use the word "faith" specifically, but the reality of faith is still there. Where? What is faith?
2. According to 15:6, what does faith produce? *And when?*
3. Romans 4:1-5 quotes Genesis 15:6. What's the point here? What misunderstanding of God's acceptance is Paul correcting?
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5. How do these truths matter for this life? (your life direction, your emotional well-being, etc.)

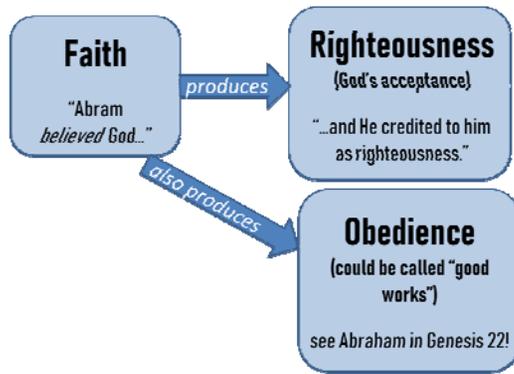
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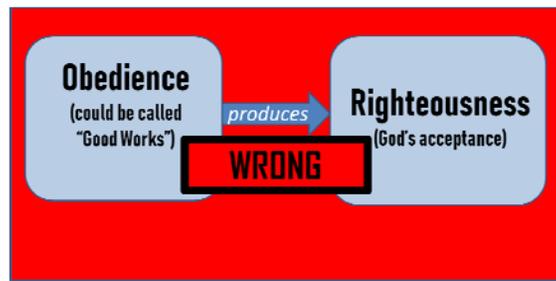
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