

# **Shelby Christian Church**

CORE 52: GETTING RIGHT WITH GOD - COVENANT GENESIS 12:1-9, 15:6, 21:1-21, 22:1-19; ROMANS 4:1-5, GALATIANS 3:6 \* 10/12/2025 HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ GENESIS 15:6

What action did Abram take in this verse? Why is Abram's belief significant in his relationship with God? What does "credited as righteousness" mean in the context of the passage? How does this verse show that righteousness comes from faith, not works?

#### HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ GENESIS 21:1-21

What does the birth of Isaac reveal about God's faithfulness to His promises? Why do you think conflict arose between Sarah and Hagar after Isaac's birth?

How does God's instruction to Abraham about Ishmael show both justice and mercy? In what ways does God's provision for Hagar and Ishmael illustrate His care for those outside the covenant line?

#### HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ GENESIS 22:1-19

How does Abraham respond to God's request to sacrifice Isaac? Why do you think God tested Abraham in this way? How does Abraham's obedience reflect his faith and trust in God? What does the ram provided as a substitute teach about God's provision? How does this event foreshadow the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ in the New Testament?

#### HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ GENESIS 12:1-9

Why is God's command to "leave your country, your people and your father's household" significant? What does Abram's obedience teach us about faith and trust in God? How does building altars reflect Abram's relationship with God?

What does God's promise in verse 3 ("all peoples on earth will be blessed through you") indicate about Abram's role in God's plan? How does this passage introduce the theme of God's covenant relationship with His people?

## HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ ROMANS 4:1-5

How does Paul use Abraham as an example in these verses? Why is faith, rather than works, the basis of righteousness according to Paul? How does Paul's argument challenge human ideas of earning favor with God?

## HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ GALATIANS 3:6

What does it mean that Abraham's faith was "credited as righteousness"?

What does this verse teach about the relationship between faith and works in being justified before God?

How does Paul use Abraham's example to explain God's plan for both Jews and Gentiles?

## **APPLICATION**

How is Abraham a model of faith? What did he do to demonstrate his faith? Is this idea of covenant new to you? Does it change how you look at your relationship with Christ? Does it change how you view your connection to the church?

How did Jesus ultimately fulfill the Biblical Covenants (i.e., Genesis 3:15, 1 Peter 3:21, Genesis 22:12-14, Matthew 22:44, & Matthew 26:27-28)?

Share an area of your life you feel like God would want you to increase your faith-not how much you believe but your fidelity to obey.

## **PRAYER**