

A Portrait of Faith (Pt. 3)

Romans 4:17-22

- I. Justification By Faith Alone Stated (13).
- II. Justification By Faith Alone Argued (14-16)
- III. Justification by Faith Alone Illustrated (17b-22)
 - A. Saving Faith Is Biblical Faith.
 - B. Saving Faith Is Rooted in God's Character (17b).
 - C. Saving Faith Is a Certain Hope in God's Promise (18a).
 - D. Saving Faith Is Contrary to Human Expectations (18a).
 - E. Saving Faith Is a Gift of God's Grace (18b).
 - F. Saving Faith Is Founded on God's Word (18c).

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- 1) What Is Not a Legitimate Foundation for Faith?
 - Visions and dreams
 - Spiritual experiences
 - Feelings and impressions
 - Subjective revelations
 - One's own thoughts or conclusions
 - Extra biblical revelations
- 2) What Is the Only Legitimate Foundation for Faith? God's Word!
- 3) What Promises Were the Foundation of Abraham's Faith?

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- He was a sinner (5).
- His own efforts could never give him a right standing with God (5).
- God had made a way of redemption (5).
- God's plan was to credit righteousness to him (5).
- The only way to enjoy this blessing was by faith alone (5).
- The truth of the gospel in its elementary form was saving (Gal. 3:8).
- One of his descendants would accomplish his redemption (Gal. 3:16-17).