

The People Who Prevail

A Bible Study in Galatians

Session 9: The Blessing of Nations

Galatians 3:6-9, 14, 26-29

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“That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith” (Gal. 3:14).

“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise” (Gal. 3:26-29).

“Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”

To Lay the Foundation for Understanding the Blessing of All Nations More Clearly, a Brief Look At Where Paul Uses “Accounted to Him for Righteousness” More Distinctly Needs to Be Examined.

In the Twenty-Five Verses of What We Know as Romans Chapter Four, Paul Uses the Original Word Translated “Accounted” in “Accounted to Him for Righteousness” 14 Times.

“Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles [literally, Races or Tribes, translated, Nations, in Gal. 3:8)]? Yes, of the Gentiles also: Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.” (Rom. 3:29-31).

The “Law” in Galatians Is Less About:

A Code of Ethics Than It Is About a Way of Life;

Keeping the Ten Commandments Than It Is About Motivations in Living Life;

Injunctions Than It Is About Principles.

Romans Chapter 4:

“What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was **counted** unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is **counted** for righteousness. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God **imputeth** righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered” (Rom. 4:1-7).

“He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was **imputed** to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was **imputed** to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be **imputed**, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification” (Rom. 4:20-25).

Being Fully Persuaded . . .

“What He Had Promised, He Was Able Also to Perform”

The Story of Abraham Is the History of the Faithfulness of God.

History Is His Story – the Story of God’s Faithfulness.

Abraham Believing Was Not Blind Faith (Attempting to Believe Something into Existence by Trying to Visualize What He Wanted to See in His Life)

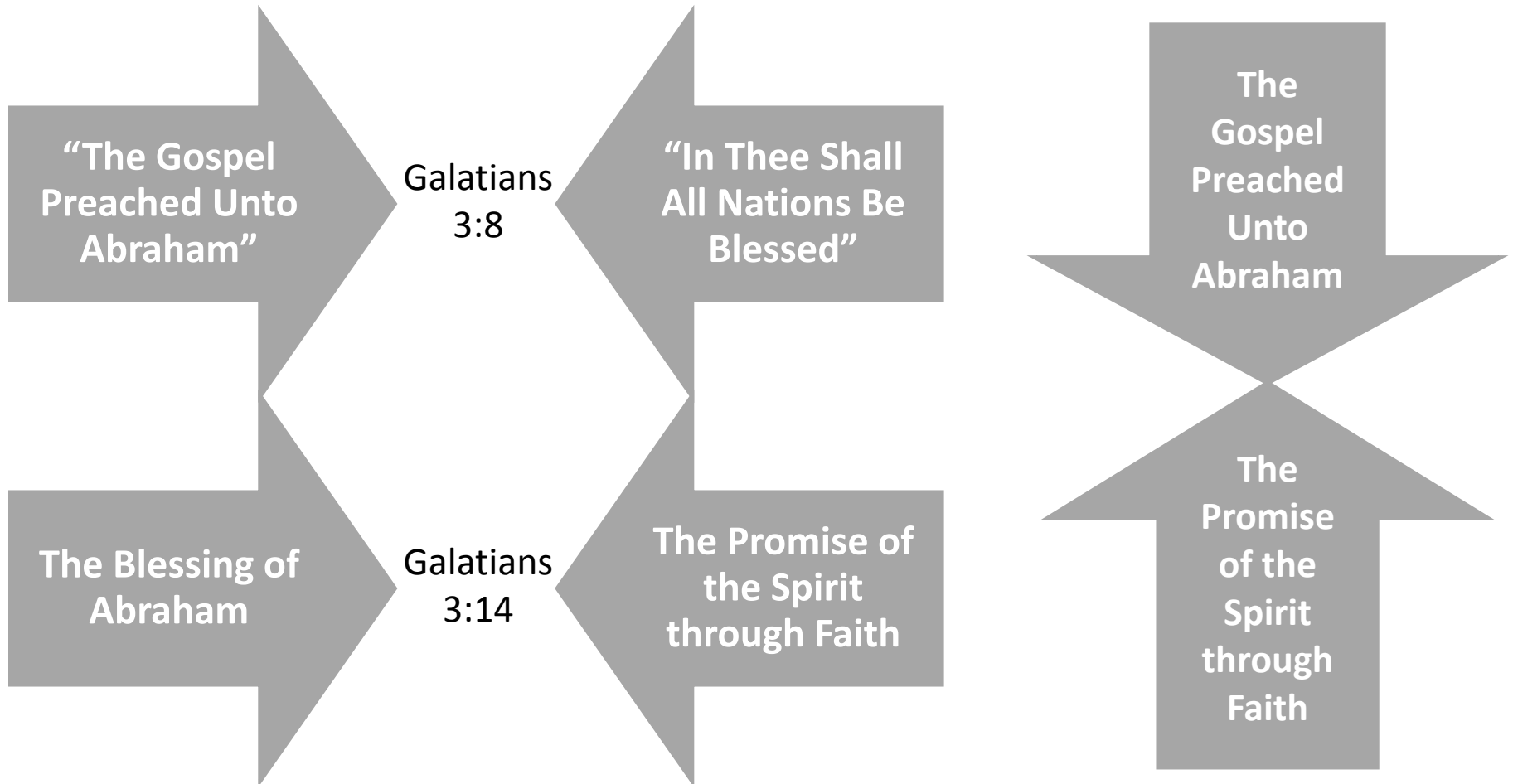
His Believing Was Based Upon “Taking an Inventory” of His Life and Seeing What God Had Done.

Understanding the Promise of the Blessing of Abraham.

“And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed” (Gal. 3:8) and “That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith” (Gal. 3:14).

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The Blessing of the Nations



The Story of Abraham – the Story of the Faithfulness of God

“Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed” (Gen. 12:1-3)

God Promise a Great Nation Would Come to Abraham and His Descendants:

The Nation Would Be Blessed by God.

He Would Not Only Bless the Descendants of Abraham, But He Promised to Bless the People That Would Honor and revere the Nation that God Would Establish.

He Also Promised to Curse the People Who Would Curse This Nation.

The Promise of God to Abraham forever Produced in His Descendants the Expectations of a Nation that Would Be Blessed and Protected by God Himself.

The Questions that Need to Be Raised Are, “Who Is this Nation, Where Is this Nation, When Is this Nation, and What Makes Up this Nation?”

First, Notice, the Gospel that Was Preached to Abraham:

“Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed” (Gen. 12:1-3)



“Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house”

“And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great.”

The Gospel, Which Has Been Preached to Every Creature in Every Generation, God Always Brings Life Out of Death.

Once Again, All Is Well in “Paradise.”



“I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.”

Or, Is All Well in Paradise?

“So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came” (Gen. 12:4,5).

God Told Abram to “Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred” AND Abram Decided to Take His Nephew, Lot.

“They went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.”

“And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land.”

“And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land” (Gen. 12:10).

Even Though God Had Said, “Unto a land that I will show thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee,” **When the Going Got Tough** Abram Went into Egypt, the Land Which Would Always Seem to Be the Land of Bondage.

God Would Be Faithful to His Promise (God Would Prevail), In Spite of Abram.

“And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon: Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive” (Gen 12:11,12).

When the Going Got Tough, Abram Once Again Turned to His Own Thinking.

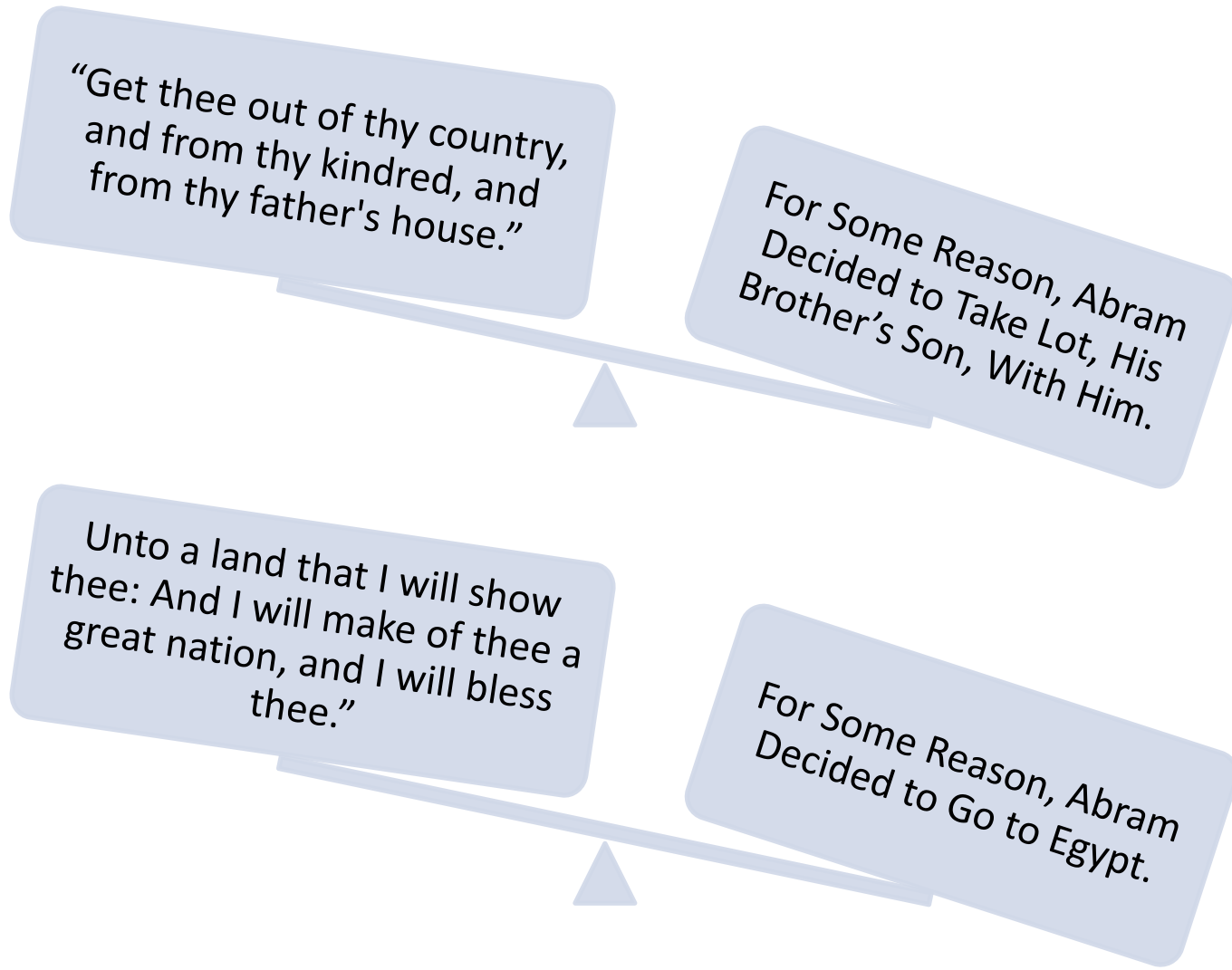
“The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. And he entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels” (Gen. 12:15,16)

It Looked Good, But It Was Not What God Wanted.

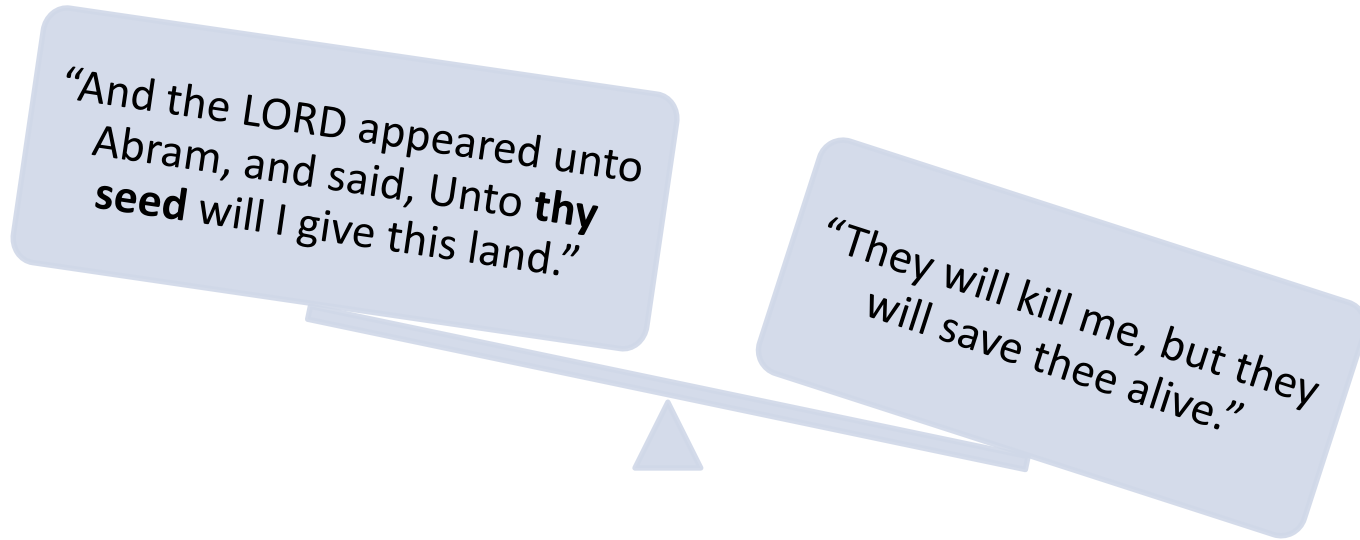
“And the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife. And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife? Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way. And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had” (Gen. 12:18-20).

God Would Get Him Back on Track By the “Rapture” Out of Egypt.

Stop and Consider, Is this the Faith of Abraham?



Abram Is Hearing God, But for Some Reason What He Hears Does Not Get Worked Out in His Life.



Maybe the Next Event in the Life of Abram Is Where He Begins to “Have Faith.”

“After these things the word of the LORD came unto **Abram in a vision**, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless . . . And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir” (Gen. 15:1-4).

In the Midst of the Vision . . .

“And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be” (Gen. 15:6).

“And he brought him forth abroad” . . .

“Brought Him Forth” Means, “to bring Out”

“Abroad” Means, from an unused root meaning to sever; properly separate by a wall, that is, outside, outdoors.”

“The Shade of Meaning Seems to Imply that Abram Was Taken Outside of Himself in this Vision.”

“And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be” (Gen. 15:6).

“Then, the Writer of Genesis Makes the Statement that Paul Used So Powerfully In Galatians 3 and Romans 4: the Heartbeat of the Gospel.

“And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.”

Understanding the Statement . . .

“Properly to build up or support; to foster as a parent or nurse; figuratively to render (or be) firm or faithful, to trust or believe, to be permanent or quiet; morally to be true or certain.”

“He Believed in the LORD”

The self Existent or Eternal One –
the One Who Causes to Be.

One Who Has Faith Is One Who Trusts or Believes that His Life Is Being Ordered by the One Who Causes All Things to Be.

Understanding the Statement a Little Deeper . . .

“And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.”

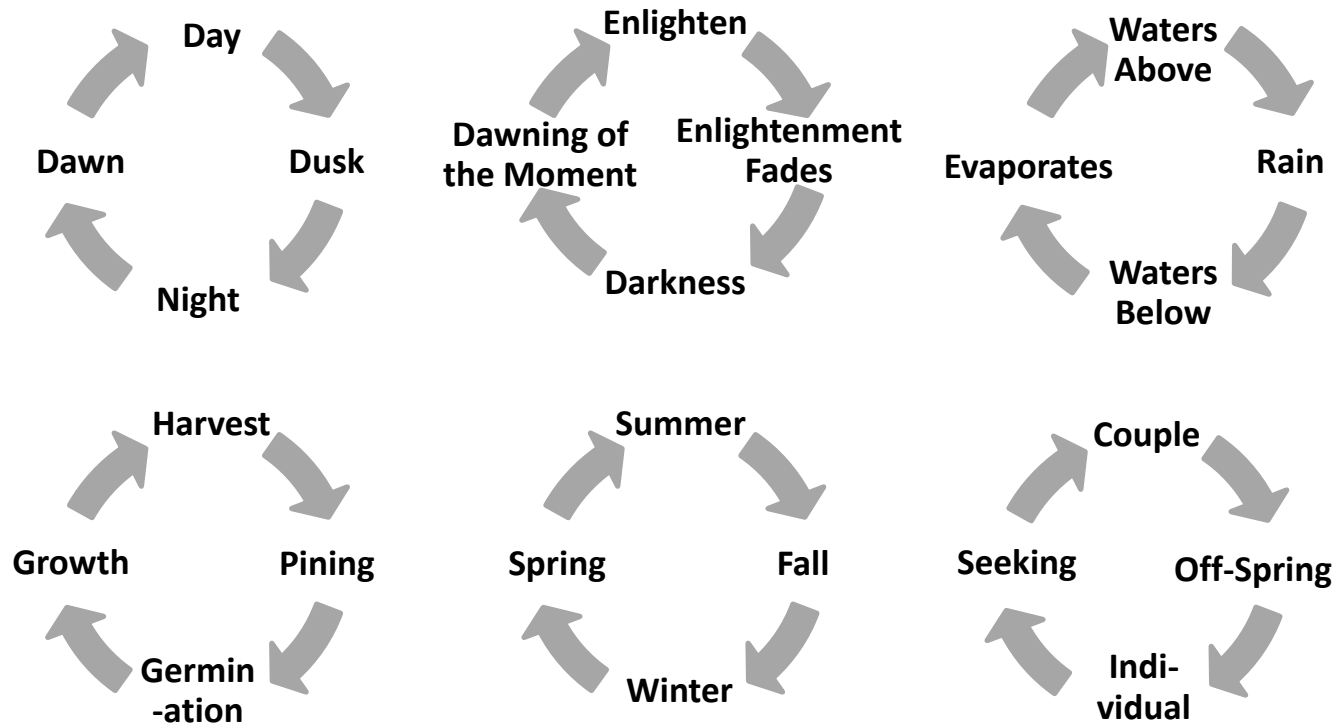
“A primitive root; properly to plait or interpenetrate, that is, (literally) to weave or (generally) to fabricate; hence (from the mental effort) to think, regard, value, compute.”

“The Lord Counted It to Him for Righteousness”

Rightness -- A primitive root; to be (causatively make) right

You Are Made Right When You Come to Trust the One that Is Causing All Things to Be in Your Life.

Trusting in the Lord As He Causes to Be . . .



Physical Is Taken Down to Be Raised Refreshed.

In the Midst of Experiencing God in the Moment of the Vision, Abram Is Beginning to Experience Faith .

He Is Not There Yet, But the Real Journey Has Begun . . .

“And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness. And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. And he said, Lord GOD, **whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it**” (Gen. 15:6-8)

It Seems that His Faith Is Still Tied too Closely to His Seeing.

“Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar. And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai” (Gen. 16:1,2). And Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram” (Gen. 16:16).

Once Again, When It Looked Like the Morning (the Promised Child) Was Not Going to Come, Sarai and Abram Turned to the Thinking of Their Minds to Attempt to Solve the Perceived Problem They Were Facing.

Thirteen Years Later . .

“And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God” (Gen. 17:1-8).

“I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.”



“Perfect” – “Entire (literally, figuratively or morally); also (as noun) integrity, truth.”

In Experiencing the Gospel (Life Comes Out of Death): Can You Trust God: Be Perfect.

“And I Will Establish My Covenant, The Everlasting Covenant . . .”

Everlasting
Covenant

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To Be a God Unto Thee

To Thy Seed After Thee

“And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger . . . for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God”

“Land” – “Meaning to *be firm; the earth (at large, or particularly a land)*”

Is the “Land” a Parcel of Land in the Near East or Is the “Land” the Whole Earth In Which the Nation of God Will Compass?

“The land wherein thou art a stranger”

“In the World, But Not of the World”

Abraham Is on His Journey to Become the “Father of the Faithful” But . . . He Is Not Quite There Yet Even After the Vision.

“And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her. Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear” (Gen. 17:15-17).

But God Is Faithful and Abraham Will Become “Fully Persuaded that What God Had Promised, He Was Able Also to Perform.” -- He Is Just Not There Yet!

“And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, And said, My Lord, if now I have found favor in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant.” (Gen. 18:1-3).

Among Many Things the “Lord” Said to Abraham During the Visit of the Three Men, He Once Again Confirmed His Promise of a Son.

“And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son” (Gen. 18:9-14).

The Son Would Finally Come: Twenty-Five Years After the Original Promise; And Thirteen Years After the Child of the Flesh, Ishmael.

“And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken. For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him. And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him” (Gen. 21:1-5).

After the Birth of the Child of Promise, the Essence of Life (The Flesh Versus the Spirit As Revealed in the New Testament) Is Dramatized for Us in “Real-Time.”

“And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking. Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac. And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son. And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called” (Gen. 21:9-12).

The Promise Was Fulfilled, a Child Was Born, a Magnificence Feast Was Ordered, and Great Joy Filled the Hearts of Abraham and Sarah. They Loved Their Son!

Life Was, In Deed, Good for Abraham, But, Then, He Faced One of the Most Perplexing Test Ever Given to Anyone in the Pages of the Scriptures.

“And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of” (Gen. 22:1,2)

The Loving Father Was Asked to Sacrifice His Son as a Burnt Offering.

“And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me” (Gen. 22: 10-18).

Over Twenty-Five Years Ago, Abraham Had Started on a Journey that Took Him to Many Places with Many Experiences and Not All of Them Was Exemplary for Him.

Demonstrating Several Time His failure to Hear the Lord Completely, His Actions Were Not Totally in Harmony with What the Lord Had Said.

But, Abraham Got It Right this Time!

“And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice” (Gen. 22:15-18).

The Blessing of Abraham Came Simply Because Abraham “Obeyed the Voice” of the Lord.

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The Blessing Came Not to Abraham Because He Found Out What the Lord Wanted Him to Do and Then Came Up With Creative Ways to Fulfill the Will of the Lord for His Life.

The Word “Obeyed” Is Translated From the Original Word Meaning, “to hear intelligently.”

The Blessing Came to Abraham Because He Kept Hearing God Speaking to Him.

One Thing Is Certain in the Life of Abraham: Over and Over Again, It Is Recorded, “Abraham Heard God, Built an Altar, and then Moved On.”

Perhaps, This Is the Difference Between the “Faith of Abraham”
and the Faith of Much of Christianity Today.

**How Many Times Have the People of God Been Stopped Simply
Because They Heard God, Built an Altar, and Refused to Move On?**

There Is No Question, God Does Come Down and Speaks to His People:
It Changes Their Lives But there is Little Further Movement.

**God Speaks, Lives Are Changed, But What God Said and the
Change Becomes the Standard, the Teaching of the Movement.**

The Moment and the Movement Becomes the Method Which Always
Produces Only the Monument of Where God Once Was Heard.

**Addressing This Issue (the Moment, the Movement, the Method,
and the Monument) Is the Reason Why the Story of Abraham
Offering His Son Has Been Recorded for Us to Hear.**

First, Understanding the Faith of Abraham:

The “Faith” that Abraham Demonstrated in the Offering of Isaac Came about Because He Kept Experiencing the Faithfulness of God Even In His Faithlessness.

He Did Not Become “Strong in the Faith” Because He Kept Exercising His Faith.

For Example:

At One Point in the Life of Abraham, Which Illustrates Much of the Early Life of Abraham, When He Heard God Say Concerning Sarah, “And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her” (Gen. 17:16), Abraham Promptly “fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old” (Gen. 17:17)?

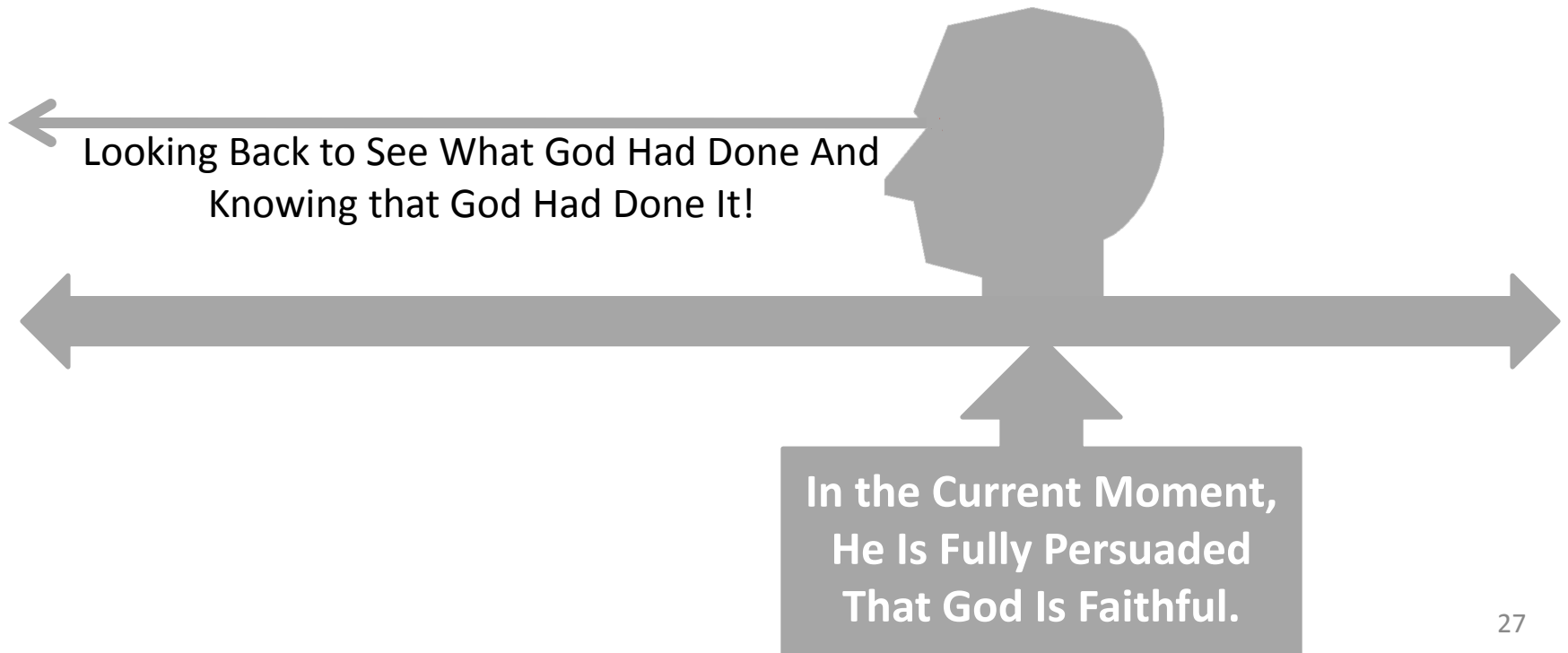
Abraham Became “Strong in the Faith” Because He Kept Experiencing the Faithfulness of God In Spite of His Laughter and His Failing Really to Hear God .

“Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham” (Gal. 3:6).

In Fact, Each Time that God Was Faithful to Do What He Said He Would Do, It Broke Another Box in the Mind of Abraham.

God Kept Expanding the “Vision” of Abraham Until at the Time of the Offering of Isaac He Was Able to Hear Exactly the Voice of the Lord.

At the time of this Event, the Faith of Abraham Was Not Based Upon What He Thought (Believed) God Was Going to Do, But It was Based Upon What God Had Done.

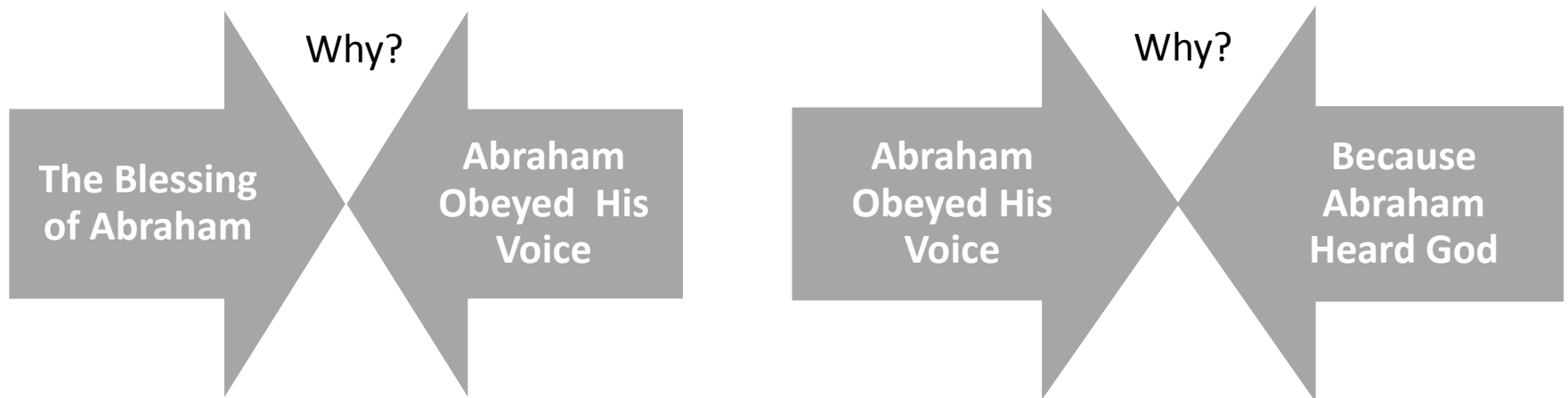


Faith Would Then Be Defined As “Seeing Things as God Sees Them.”

And Not Defined as Trying to See Things as We Want to See Them.

Faith Is Not Trying to Believe What We Want Will Come to Pass, But Believing that God Is in Control of the Current Moment, Regardless of the Circumstances, and He Will Performed His Will -- What He Desires to Bring to Pass.

“That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice” (Gen. 22:17,18),



“Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17)

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Secondly, Sacrificing That Which God Has Produced:

That Which Was So Difficult to Understand in the Past (Why God Would Ask Abraham to Offer a Human Sacrifice.) Has Become So Simple in the Present.

All that God Ask of Us Is that We Would Not Try to Live in What He Has Done, Becoming Those “Who Hold the Truth In Unrighteousness” (Rom. 1:18).

The Truth Experienced in Our Current Moment Becomes the Movement and then the Method and Finally **Becomes More Important** than the God of the Moment.

We Must Forever Be Willing to Sacrifice that Which God Has Produced.

To Say It More Accurately, We Must Not Resist God in Our Minds As He Brings to an End the Current Manifestation of His Presence.

This Was the Gospel Preached to Abraham:



“Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house”

“And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great.”

This Was the Gospel Declared by Paul:



“Though our outward man perish”

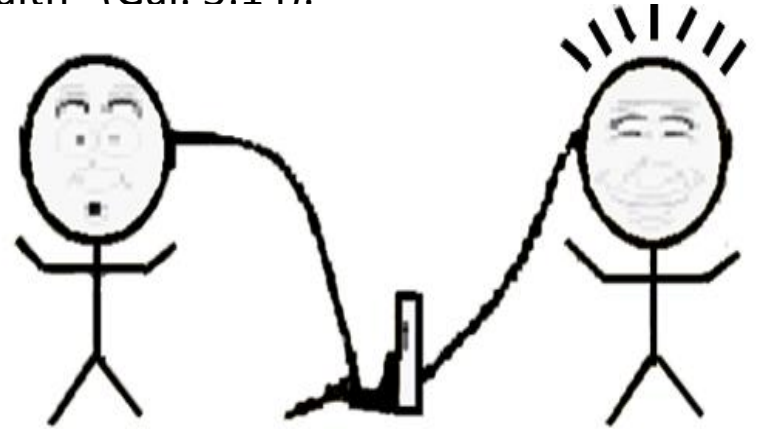
“Yet the inward man is renewed **day by day**”

One Last Great Truth Comes Out of the Story of Abraham

“That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith” (Gal. 3:14).

The Blessing of
Abraham

The Promise of
the Spirit
through Faith



The Sacrifice of That Which God Has Produced

**The Holy Spirit Has Been Given to You to Take You through These
Baptism of Life – The Baptism of the Holy Spirit.**

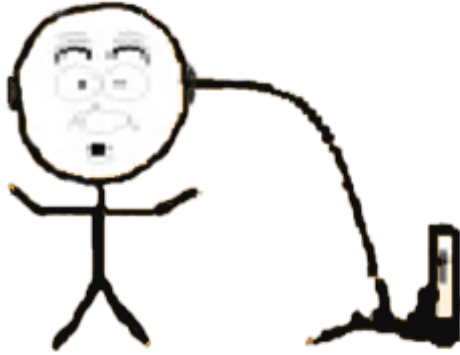
Notice, How Paul Says It:

“Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh” (2 Cor. 4:10,11).

The Life of Jesus Being Manifested in Our Body Only Occurs When We Are Willing to Experience the Dying of Jesus in Our Body.

The Life of Jesus Being Manifested in Our Mortal Flesh Only Occurs When We Which Live Are Delivered unto Death.

Only By Experiencing the Impalement of Our Very Breath in Our Mind Can We Expect the Breath of God to Be Our Breathing in Our Mind.



Only When Christ, through the Holy Spirit, Takes Us through the Impaling of Our Life . . .



Can We Expect the Risen Christ to Be Manifested in Our Life.

This Is Why Paul Says, "I Am Crucified With Christ."

It Was Only Christ that Enabled Him to Experience His Crucifixion Without Resisting It in His Mind.

"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Not Looking Back to Jesus on the Cross, But Looking at His Own Crucifixion through Jesus – the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul Refused to Glory in What God Had Done in His Life, but His Glory was in His Crucifixion by the Same Power that Produced the Dying of the Lord Jesus.

After Abraham Was Willing, by the Faithfulness of God, to Put Back into the Hands of God that Which God Had Produced, the “Angel of the Lord Called Unto Abraham the Second Time:”

“And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice” (Gen. 22:16-18).

If We Can Put Back or Keep in the Hands of God that Which He Has Produced, He Will in the Current Moment Manifest Himself in Our Lives.

Regardless of the Current Circumstances, God Has the Power and He Is Faithful to Swallowed Up Our Mortality with His Life.

“Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham” (Gal. 3:6-9)

It Is the Blessing of the Nations.

