

Abraham's Faith

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Abraham is admired by so many! From Jews to Gentiles and from Muslims to Christendom as a whole, all look up to Abraham in admiration. It's Abraham's faith which many of us admire.

From the time we meet Abraham coming out of Haran (Gen. 12), he is a man of faith.

- Abraham's faith obeyed—"By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance..." (Heb. 11:8a).
- Abraham's faith trusted—"...and he went out, not knowing where he was going" (Heb. 11:8b). Abraham trusted God by "being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform" (Rom. 4:21).
- Abraham's faith involved a mental assent—"He considered that God is able to raise *people* even from the dead..." (Heb. 11:19).
- Abraham's faith focused on the unseen—"By faith he lived as an alien...for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God" (Heb. 11:9-10). "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1).
- Abraham's faith wasn't always perfect, especially when he trusted too much in his own devices to save himself and he lied to Pharaoh and Abimelech (Gen. 12, 20).
- But Abraham's faith grew—"yet with respect to the promise of God, he did not waiver in unbelief but grew strong in the faith, giving glory to God..." (Rom. 4:20).
- Abraham's faith was credited to his account as righteousness—This statement first appears in Genesis 15:6 when Abraham is told his own son will be the heir of promise and its oft quoted in the New Testament (Rom. 4:3, 9-10; Gal. 3:6; James 2).
- Abraham's faith was tested—"By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was

offering up his only begotten son..." (Heb. 11:17). See also Genesis 22:1ff.

1. In this test Abraham's faith was active—"You see that faith was working with his works..." (James 2:22).
2. In this test Abraham's faith was perfected when it was coupled with works of obedience—(James 2:22).
3. In this test Abraham's faith was NOT alone—James concluded; "You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone" (James 2:24).
4. In this test Abraham again obeyed the voice of God (Gen. 22:18c).
5. Abraham's faith passed the test and he was justified in the process. "...and the Scripture was fulfilled which says Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness" (Jas. 2:23). Notice that it's thirty plus years later, in the offering of Isaac, that James says Genesis 15:6 is ultimately fulfilled. ***In this event, Abraham shows us the kind of faith that is credited as righteousness!***

The faith of Abraham, when seen from the larger context of his life, was far from being "faith only" as some claim. When Paul says Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness, we now know what kind of faith that proved to be. According to James, Abraham's faith reached its ultimate expression when he was tested in the offering of Isaac. From the age of 75 when he left Haran (Gen 12:4) until he was gathered to his people at age 175 (Gen 25:7-8), Abraham walked by faith and not by sight. He continued believing God, trusting God and obeying His instructions.

"But the righteous man shall live by faith" (Rom 1:17). What about YOUR FAITH?

John Deffenbaugh



Pam Babb, Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, Fred Bukowich (diagnosed with cancer and undergoing further tests and treatments), John Burlingame, Joyce Clarkson, Angela Collett, Pete Conrow, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tim Dawkins, Mary Jane Flint, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Faye Haught, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Rick Hyder, Doris Jones, Guy Lewis, Chester Lyons, Pearl McCleary, Max Naramore, Price Naramore, Ron Naramore, Pat Risley, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Bobbie Tuggle, Margaret Wald, Ruth Ann Wilson, Treva Wolgammott, Velda Wood, Sue York.

Thanks so much for the card and remembering me.
Joyce Clarkson

Dear Hillcrest Church of Christ,
 We wish to thank you for all the cards, prayers, and support that you have shown to our father, Charles, and to each of us. We also appreciate the use of the facilities for dad's memorial service and the lovely dinner the ladies provided for our family. We really appreciate your many kindnesses. We will never forget.

*The Jewell and Charles
 Collinsworth family*

Welcome! Tucker and Abby Anderson have placed membership with us. It's great to have them and baby Beckett with us at Hillcrest.

Bright Futures Christmas Family: Thanks for your quick response to taking a gift idea to purchase for our Christmas family with three children! Please return your gift with the star tag attached by December 6 to the table in the foyer. What kind and generous hearts you have!



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. *Faith All Over* (Danny Boggs)
 P.M. *Dressed The Right Way* (Luke Yates)

Honduras: Danny Boggs, John Deffenbaugh, Glen Hon-eycutt and Luke Yates will travel to Honduras December 7-12 to conduct a seminar on Revelation and to help with a coming transition. The preachers whom we have paid in Honduras for several years will become self-supporting January 1. Please pray for them and their families as things change.



every **ONE** counts!
Thanks to everyone for giving an extra dollar on Sundays to help someone in need.

Rally for Green Valley: If you'd like to give money now to help with the construction campaign at Green Valley Bible Camp, please hand your donation to Danny or John by this Sunday night.



Devo and Donuts! Children in 5th-12th grades are invited to devo and donuts every Tuesday at 7 a.m. in the new fellowship building.

Free Wednesday night dinner for college students and young adults at 6 p.m. in the new fellowship building! Come enjoy good food and company. Bring friends!

Ladies' sewing/knitting/crocheting night is every Tuesday throughout the year in the old fellowship room. Come join us at 3:30 and stay until the last person leaves!

Church Workshop with Matt Vega, will be held this Saturday at the Sparta Church of Christ. The theme is "Protecting Religious Liberty." See the bulletin board for more details.

Trey and Lea's Stronger Families Workshop will be held at the Miami church of Christ December 1-2. See the bulletin board for more details.



PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, November 26

- AM Opening: Jared Thomas
- AM Closing: Tim Murray
- PM Opening: Peter Wald
- PM Closing: Harold Speir

Wednesday, November 29

- Opening: Ethan Murray
- Closing: Noah Reiboldt

RECORDS

11-19-17

11-20-16

Bible Study	129	130
AM Worship	207	186
PM Worship	142	136
Wednesday	139	131
Contribution	\$9,680.00	\$8,071.65
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67