

FIG 10A. THE SPIRITUAL FULFILLMENT OF 'A NATION' AND 'A COMPANY OF NATIONS' IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

ROMANS 4

ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD

Rom 4:1 What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?

Rom 4:2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath [whereof] to glory; but not before God.

Rom 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

ABRAHAM'S FAITH IN GOD WAS COUNTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Rom 4:4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

Rom 4:5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

WHEN DID ABRAHAM BELIEVE GOD?

It was AFTER he had received the promise of 'a nation' when he first came out of Ur of the Chaldees. And it was BEFORE he received the promise of 'a multitude of nations'. It was BEFORE Ishmael was born and BEFORE Sarah bore Isaac.

Gen 15:3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

Gen 15:4 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 15:5 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 believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

GOD IMPUTES RIGHTEOUSNESS TO THE UNCIRCUMCISION THROUGH FAITH BECAUSE ABRAHAM WAS STILL UNCIRCUMCISED WHEN HE BELIEVED IN GOD

Rom 4:6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

Rom 4:7 [Saying], Blessed [are] they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Rom 4:8 Blessed [is] the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

Rom 4:9 [Cometh] this blessedness then upon the circumcision [only], or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.

Rom 4:10 How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.

LATER, ABRAHAM BECAME CIRCUMCISED WHICH IS A SEAL OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF FAITH

Rom 4:11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which [he had yet] being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

WHEN DID ABRAHAM BECOME CIRCUMCISED?

It was immediately AFTER he received the promise of 'a multitude of nations'

Gen 17:1 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.

Gen 17:2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

Gen 17:3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

Gen 17:4 As for me, behold, my covenant [is] with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

Gen 17:5 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.

Gen 17:6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

Gen 17:7 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.

Gen 17:8 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 17:9 And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

Gen 17:10 This [is] my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

Gen 17:11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

ABRAHAM IS THE FATHER OF THE CIRCUMCISION AND OF THE UNCIRCUMCISION THROUGH FAITH

Rom 4:12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which [he had] being [yet] uncircumcised.

THE HEIRS OF THE PROMISE OF 'MANY NATIONS' IS NOT THROUGH THE LAW BUT THROUGH THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM

Rom 4:13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, [was] not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Rom 4:14 For if they which are of the law [be] heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:

Rom 4:15 Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, [there is] no transgression.

Rom 4:16 Therefore [it is] of faith, that [it might be] by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

Rom 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee **A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS**;) before him whom he believed, [even] God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

THE PROMISE OF MANY NATIONS IN GENESIS 17:5 IS THE SAME PROMISE THAT GOD GAVE HIM WHEN HE SHOWED HIM THE HEAVENS IN GENESIS 15:5 AND HE BELIEVED GOD

Rom 4:18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become **THE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS**, according to that which was spoken, **SO SHALL THY SEED BE**.

THE DEPTHS OF ABRAHAM'S FAITH

Rom 4:19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

Rom 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

Rom 4:21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

Rom 4:22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS IMPUTED TO ABRAHAM IS OURS ALSO IF WE BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS

Rom 4:23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

Rom 4:24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from

the dead;

Rom 4:25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

GALATIANS 3

WORKS OF THE LAW VS THE HEARING OF FAITH

Gal 3:1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

Gal 3:2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Gal 3:3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

Gal 3:4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if [it be] yet in vain.

Gal 3:5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, [doeth he it] by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD WHEN TOLD HIS SEED WOULD BE AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN

Gal 3:6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Gen 15:5 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 believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

THEY WHICH ARE OF FAITH ARE THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

Gal 3:7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

THE SAYING THAT 'IN THEE SHALL ALL NATIONS BE BLESSED' IS THE GOSPEL GOD PRECHED TO ABRAHAM SHOWING HOW THE HEATHEN WOULD BE JUSTIFIED THROUGH FAITH

Gal 3:8 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.

Gen 12:3 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.

Gal 3:9 So then they (of all nations) which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

THIS REFERS TO THE BLESSINGS OF LEVITICUS 26 FOR OBEDIENCE AND CURSES FOR DISOBEDIENCE

Gal 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed [is] every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

Gal 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, [it is] evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

Gal 3:12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

CHRIST REDEEMED US FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW

Gal 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed [is] every one that hangeth on a tree:

THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM THROUGH JESUS CHRIST GIVES US THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH FAITH

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

IF A COVENANT OF MEN BE CONFIRMED, NO MAN CAN DISANNUL OR ADD TO IT.

Gal 3:15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though [it be] but a man's covenant, yet [if it be] confirmed,

no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.

ABRAHAM'S PROMISES MADE TO ONE SEED - CHRIST

Gal 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

Gen 22:18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.
(Promise # 5)

THE INHERITANCE IS NOT OF THE LAW, BUT OF THE PROMISE. AND THE LAW WHICH CAME 430 YEARS AFTER THE PROMISE TO ABRAHAM CANNOT DISANNUL THE PROMISE

Gal 3:17 And this I say, [that] the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

Gal 3:18 For if the inheritance [be] of the law, [it is] no more of promise: but God gave [it] to Abraham by promise.

THE LAW WAS ADDED BECAUSE OF TRANSGRESSIONS UNTIL CHRIST

Gal 3:19 Wherefore then [serveth] the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; [and it was] ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

Gal 3:20 Now a mediator is not [a mediator] of one, but God is one.

THESE SCRIPTURES HELP US UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE MEDIATOR

1) one who intervenes between two, either in order to make or restore peace and friendship, or form a compact, or for ratifying a covenant

2) a medium of communication, arbitrator

1Ti 2:5 For [there is] one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Hbr 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Hbr 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions [that were] under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Hbr 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than [that of] Abel.

THERE IS NO LAW THAT CAN GIVE (ETERNAL) LIFE. THE PROMISE (OF ETERNAL LIFE) BY FAITH OF JESUS IS GIVEN TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE

Gal 3:21 [Is] the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

Gal 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

WE WERE KEPT UNDER THE LAW UNTIL FAITH WAS REVEALED

Gal 3:23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

Gal 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster [to bring us] unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Gal 3:25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

YOU ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD BY FAITH IN CHRIST

Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Gal 3:28 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.

IF YOU ARE CHRIST'S YOU ARE ABRAHAM'S SEED AND HIS HEIRS

Gal 3:29 And if ye [be] Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.