

Romans Series

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The Epistle to the ROMANS



Genesis 15:4, “And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ‘This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.’

Genesis 15:5, “Then He brought him outside and said, ‘Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.’ And He said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’

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Genesis 15:6, “And because he put his trust in the Lord, He reckoned it to his merit.” *Tanakh*

Genesis 15:6, “And he believed in the Lord; and He counted it to him for righteousness.” *JPS 1917*

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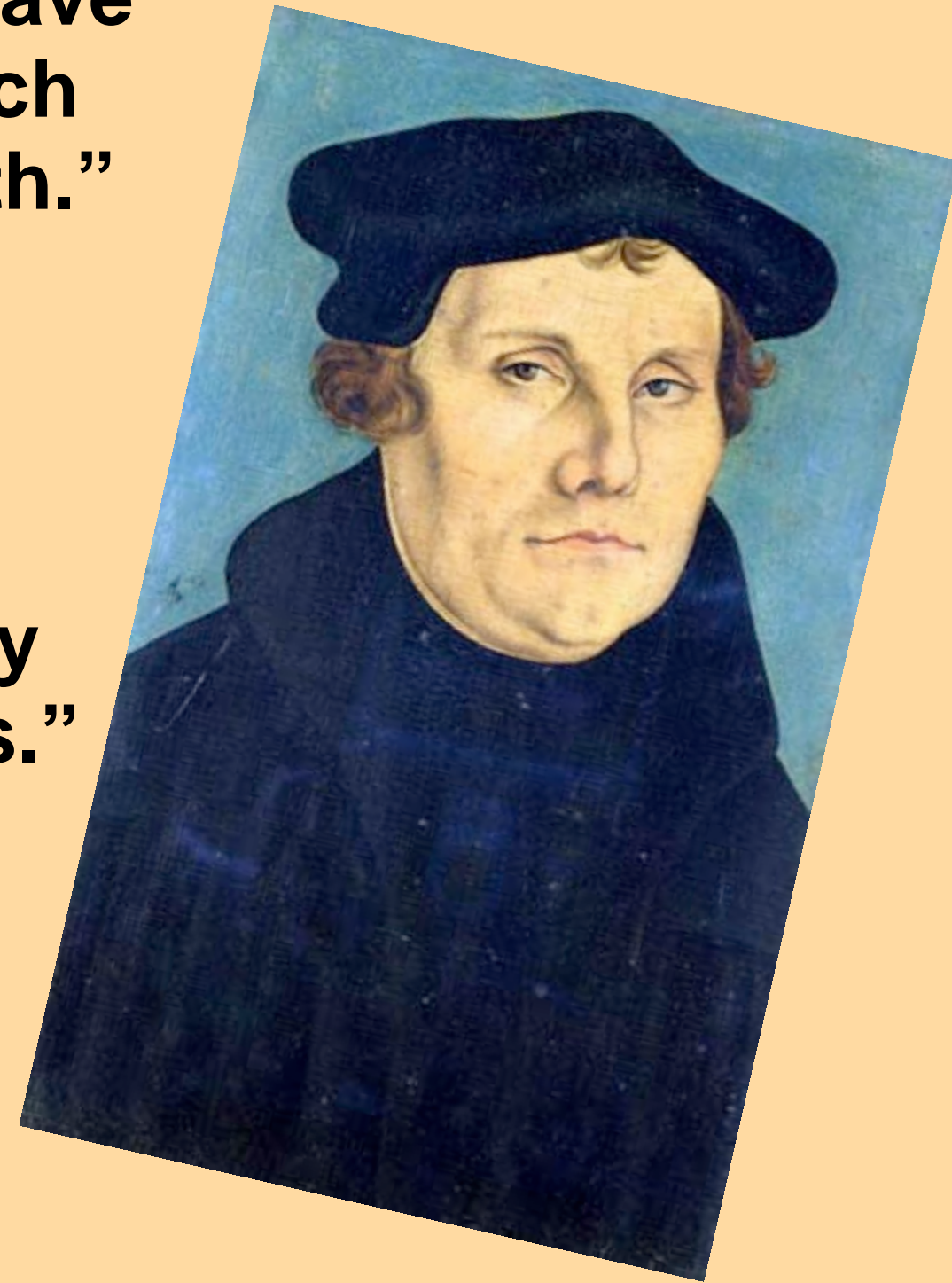
Genesis 15:7, “Then He said to him, ‘I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it.’ ”

Abraham's Tests of Faith: Cause or Result of Justification

“it is necessary that we should have imputation of righteousness which we obtain through Christ...by faith.”

“[the] doctrine of justification is this, that we are pronounced righteous and are saved solely by faith in Christ, and without works.”

**~Martin Luther
*Commentary on
Galatians***





“He is said to be justified in God’s sight who is both reckoned righteous in God’s judgment and has been accepted on account of his righteousness... it consists in the remission of sins and the imputation of Christ’s righteousness.”

~John Calvin, *The Institutes of the Christian Religion*

“Those whom God effectually calleth, he also freely justifieth...by imputing the obedience and satisfaction of Christ.”

~The Westminster Confession of Faith (1646)

“yet God, without any merit of my own, out of mere grace, imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ...if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.”

~The Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

“Righteousness of Faith,”

“the word justify here means to declare righteous and free from sins, and to absolve one from eternal punishment for the sake of Christ's righteousness, which is imputed by God to faith.”

**~The Solid Declaration of
The Formula of Concord (1577)**

“[Justification is] on the basis of the entire life a person has led in the power of the Spirit – that is, it occurs on the basis of ‘works,’ in Paul’s redefined sense. And...it occurs in the present, as an anticipation of that future verdict,”

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Rom. 4:10, “How then was it accounted? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised.

Rom. 4:11, “And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also,”

Rom. 4:12, “and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised.”

**The
Abrahamic
Covenant**

Land

Seed

Blessing

**Land
Deut. 30**

**Davidic
Covenant
“Seed”
2 Sam 7:14ff**

**New
Covenant
“Blessing”
Jer 31**

Gal. 3:13, “Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree’),

Gal. 3:14, “that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

Gal. 3:15, “Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man’s covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it.

Gal. 3:16, “Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, ‘And to seeds,’ as of many, but as of one, ‘And to your Seed,’ who is Christ.”

Gal. 3:17, “And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect.

Gal. 3:18, “For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.”

Romans 4:13, “For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.”