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Word of the Day: Faith

- · Galatians 2:16, Galatians 5:1
- Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

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Psalm 103:12, Romans 4:1-8, John 14:6

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- Genesis 17:9-14 was when God asked Abraham to be circumcised to show the covenant between God and him and that was 29 years after when he believed God, and it was counted as righteousness.
- Counted means to put in one's account.
- Our Identity in Christ matters and what God declares us to be is all that matters.
- Romans 5:1 God declares us as righteous
- · 1 Corinthians 1:2 we are called Saints
- 1 Peter 2:9 we are a royal priesthood and Holy.
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- Romans 4 is proof that justification by faith is taught in the OT and not some new doctrine Paul has introduced.
- Ephesians 2:8-9 salvation is a gift received by faith.
- We are joined to the righteousness of Christ which is how we become righteous. (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- Acts 4:12 says that salvation is found in no one else besides Jesus.

2) Faith is how we become Children of God.

Romans 3:21-24, Philippians 3:9, Romans 3:26-27, Hebrews 11:8, Romans 4:20-25, John 1:11-13

- The law of God was not written till 430 years after Abraham believed God by faith.
- Is faith a work?
- Romans 3:26-27 and Galatians 2:16 show that faith is opposed to works.
- J. Gresham Machen said, "faith consists not in doing something but in receiving something."
- · Faith is trusting Gods word and believing Gods promises.
- James 2:14-26 shows that our faith leads to works but it does not mean works save us.
- Faith is being "Fully convinced that God was (is) able to do what He had promised." (Romans 4:21)

3) Faith is offered to the world

Romans 10:14-17, John 3:16-18

- Paul is quoting from Genesis 12:3 and 18:18
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