

Getting right with God.



1. Should you have to pay from your own birthday presents? Why?

ABRAHAM was the father of the Jewish nation. God said to him that he was to travel from Ur to a distant land (Israel) where he would be the father of a great nation with many children.

DAVID was the most famous King in Israel and he wrote many of the Psalms in the Old Testament.

Read Romans 4:1-8 "Well then, what can we say about our ancestor Abraham? ²If he became acceptable to God because of what he did, then he would have something to brag about. But he would never be able to brag about it to God. ³The Scriptures say, 'God accepted Abraham because Abraham had faith in him.'

⁴Money paid to workers isn't a gift. It is something they earn by working. ⁵But you cannot make God accept you because of something you do. God accepts sinners only because they have faith in him. ⁶In the Scriptures David talks about the blessings that come to people who are acceptable to God, even though they don't do anything to deserve these blessings. David says, "God blesses people whose sins are forgiven and whose evil deeds are forgotten.

⁸The Lord blesses people whose sins are erased from his book."

2. How was Abraham made acceptable to God (v.1-3)?

3. How are we made acceptable to God today (v.4-8)?

4. What does "Faith" mean?

Read Romans 4:9-13 ⁹Are these blessings meant for circumcised people or for those who are not circumcised? Well, the Scriptures say that God accepted Abraham because Abraham had faith in him. ¹⁰But when did this happen? Was it before or after Abraham was circumcised? Of course, it was before. ¹¹Abraham let himself be circumcised to show that he had been accepted because of his faith even before he was circumcised. This makes Abraham the father of all who are acceptable to God because of their faith, even though they are not circumcised. ¹²This also makes Abraham the father of everyone who is circumcised and has faith in God, as Abraham did before he was circumcised. ¹³God promised Abraham and his descendants that he would give them the world. This promise was not made because Abraham had obeyed the Law, but because his faith in God made him acceptable."

CIRCUMCISION was a Jewish ceremony given by God to Abraham as a sign of God's relationship with the Jewish nation. Many Jews believed that they were right with God not by faith but because they were circumcised. SARAH was Abraham's wife who didn't have children till late in life.

5. Some Jews believed that circumcision was enough to be a follower of God. How could some of the following become like circumcision?

Baptism (Christening) _____

Communion _____

Going to church _____

Going to youth groups _____

6. How should the Jews have viewed circumcision? (v.9-12)

7. How should we view baptism, communion and church going in relation to being a Christian?

8. If someone trusts Jesus is that enough? Why? (13-16 and 22-25)

9. What is important to make a wedding a wedding?

10. What is important in a marriage to make it last?

11. How is a becoming and growing as a Christian like a wedding and a marriage?

12. What is importance to do to becoming a Christian?

13. What is important to help you grow as a Christian?