

THAT OLD TIME RELIGION

Romans 4:1-8

Two case studies that argue for salvation by faith alone...

I. THE CASE OF THE GREATEST PATRIARCH

Jubilees

1 Maccabees

Sirach

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Gen 12, 15, and 17 – the Abrahamic Covenant

1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found?

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2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

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3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God...

Gen 15:6

Gen 15:3 - ...You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir.

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3...and it was credited to him as righteousness.

Gal 3:16 - Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ.

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4 Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. 5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness...

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1 Sam 13:14

2 Sam 23:1

Psa 32:1-2

6 just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: 7

“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, and whose sins have been covered.

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8 “Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account.”

MOULE – David...and Abraham...stand upon the same level here...each is a great sinner. Each turns from himself, unworthy, to God in His promise.

SOME FINAL SUMMARY REMINDERS:

REMINDER #1 – Christians Are Simultaneously Justified and Sinners.

Martin Luther – *simul justus et peccator* – ‘simultaneously justified in a sinner.’

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REMINDER #2 – If Forgiven by God, Don't Let Failures and Regret Control You.

REMINDER #3 – If Forgiven by God, Forgive Others.

REMINDER #4 – Timeless Scripture Is the Final Authority.

SOME FINAL SUMMARY REMINDERS:

REMINDER #5 – Timeless Scripture is Unified in Its Message.

REMINDER #6 – Good works follow justification.

Matt 12:37 - For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

James 2:21 – Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?

SOME FINAL SUMMARY REMINDERS:

REMINDER #7 – We Are Free to Confess

Prov 28:13 - He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.