

For us Also

“But for us also, to whom it [righteousness] shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.” - Romans 4:24-25

1. The fathers of Israel (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob)

- a. The election of God, to form a nation. Israel required a lineage, genealogy. (Mt 1:1-2)
- b. Israel is built on God's promises and **Abraham** (and his seed), their father.
 - i. “I will make of thee [Abraham] a great nation” (Gen 12:1-3)
 - ii. “...he [Abraham] believed in the LORD; and he [the LORD] counted it to him for righteousness.” (Gen 15:1-6)
 - iii. “This is my covenant, which ye [Abraham] shall keep... Every man child shall be circumcised...” (Gen 17:10-11, 13)
 - iv. “Thou shalt call his name Isaac...” (Gen 17:19)
 - v. “Offer him [Isaac] there for a burnt offering” (Gen 22:2)
 - vi. “Two nations are in thy womb” (Gen 25:22-23)
 - vii. “Thy name shall be called...Israel” (Gen 32:28)
- c. With Moses, the law entered. (Hindsight: that the offense might abound) (Ex 19:4-8, Rom 5:20)
- d. Christ, Abraham's seed. Made of a woman, born under the law. Sent only to Israel. (Gal 3:16,29 4:4, Mt 15:21-28)

2. The mystery of Christ (revealed to Paul)

- a. In times past you were a Gentile. Without hope. Without God. (Eph 2:11-12)
- b. The gospel of the **grace of God** is the only gospel you can believe on for your soul's salvation today. It is called “the preaching of the cross”. (1 Cor 1:18, 1 Cor 15:1-4, Gal 2:21)
- c. This gospel explains how today, anyone can be saved **without Israel, without the law, and without Israel's covenants**. (Rom 3:21-23, Rom 11:25)
- d. This is called, “**the revelation of the mystery of Christ**”. It speaks of a “one **new** man”, the body of Christ. (Eph 2:13-15)

3. Abraham, the father of us all (by faith)

- a. Abraham found righteousness in uncircumcision. (Rom 4:9-12)
- b. “Abraham our father” (not according to the flesh) (Rom 4:3-5, Gal 3:6-9)
- c. Abraham was given promises without Israel, without the law, and without covenants. (Gal 3:16-18)
- d. It was not written for his sake alone. But for us also. (Rom 4:21-25)