



## Family Worship Guide

March 29, 2020

Our devotional this morning continues our study of Abram. God declares Abram righteous because of his faith in the promises of God. We will learn that God justifies sinners and makes them righteous by faith alone and not by works of obedience. As we are reminded in Romans 1. 17, **For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."** We believe, therefore, that we are saved not by works but through faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ. As you follow along this morning, we want to encourage you in a number of ways. First, make sure to read [Genesis 15-17](#) before beginning. Second, we have included a number of song links below that particularly focus on themes we will see in the text. Third, we have included a couple Scripture readings that reflect the theme of salvation by faith alone. Fourth, we have included a number of application reflections to help you apply God's Word to your life.

### Devotional: Genesis 15-17 – Saved by Faith Alone:

<https://soundcloud.com/catonsvillebaptist/saved-by-faith-alone>

### Family Worship:

- We Will Glorify: <https://youtu.be/uMsfES8fDy0>
- How Rich a Treasure We Possess: <https://youtu.be/0lq7mSlcIE>
- Not in Me: <https://youtu.be/OXANp8nER20>
- All I Have is Christ: <https://youtu.be/6QKJvasA9PU>

### Scripture Reading: [Romans 4.1-25](#) and [Hebrews 11.1-40](#)

**Application Questions:** What does it mean to be "righteous"? Perhaps the first thing you thought of was "doing what is right". That would be partly true. Doing what is right is - especially in our day and age - very relative. What I think is right and what my neighbor thinks is right may be two completely different things. Some think it is "right" to give a woman the ability to choose to abort unborn life. Some think it is "right" to hold others up at gunpoint. Some think it is "right" to lie on their taxes. Righteousness does not involve *less than* doing what is right, but it certainly involves more than that!

As we continue our study through Genesis, we see that *righteousness* involves faith. It involves faith in the promises of God, faith that His Words are truth. It involves a faith that acts on the basis of the conviction that every word of God is truth. The challenge for us today is the same as it was for Abraham thousands of years ago. Do we take God at His Word? Do we believe His promises? Do you find yourself doing some things that you know are not in accord with the Word of God because you think you have to figure life out on your own? Are you living in faith and obedience? Perhaps you believe that you are righteous and do things that are right. Are you trusting in those deeds alone to make you right before God or do you trust in the finished work of Christ alone?

As we read and study the Word of God together – pray that the Lord would show us those areas where our faith is lacking. Pray that the Lord would show us where we have failed to live the righteousness which is by faith. Finally, pray that the Lord would grant us joy in the fact that though we fail so often in this area, that our champion, the seed of Abraham, Jesus Christ "the Righteous" has succeeded!

May we, like Paul "**count everything as loss because of the surpassing value of Jesus Christ our Lord...[that we may be] found in him not having a righteousness of our own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith...!"**" (Philippians 3:8-9)

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