

Abraham: Father of Faith

Our Blessedness and Reward: A Study of Covenant Theology – Session Seven

“Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, ‘In you all the nations shall be blessed.’ So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.”

—Galatians 3:7-9 NKJV

I. Introduction

II. An Examination of the Covenant with Abraham

A. Definition: A sovereign administration of the covenant of grace, given to Abraham and to his seed, promising a mediator and righteousness by faith in him, signified and sealed by circumcision

B. Its Gracious Character

C. Its Provisions

1. Presence

2. People

3. Place

D. Its Sign and Seal

1. A Distinguishing Mark

2. The Need for Blood Atonement

3. The Defilement of Sin

III. The Biblical-Theological Development of the Covenant with Abraham

A. Justification by Faith

1. Definition of Justification

2. Romans 3-4

3. Galatians 3:5-9

B. Household Inclusion

C. Christ the Seed

1. Galatians 3:15-18

IV. Conclusion/Applications

A. The Glorious Grace of God

B. The Faithful Memory of God

C. The Simplicity of the Gospel

D. The Necessity of Heart Circumcision

Recommended Resources

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