

Salvation Today – Compared to Abram’s Justification

What is the Minimum Required Knowledge Today?

The timing and application of saving grace by the Holy Spirit’s (conviction and conversion) is up to Him

Case Study. Conversation between a witness and a prospect: (Assume the prospect knows NOTHING!)

1. **Witness:** You MUST get saved !
2. **Prospect :** Saved from what?
3. **Witness:** From Hell
4. **Prospect:** What is Hell?
5. **Witness:** Place of everlasting torment
6. **Prospect:** Why would I go there?
7. **Witness:** Because you are a sinner
8. **Prospect:** What is SIN?
9. **Witness:** Any offense against God
10. **Prospect:** Who is God
11. **Witness:** The creator of the universe
12. **Prospect:** How do you know all this?
13. **Witness:** From the Bible
14. **Prospect:** What is the Bible?
15. **Witness:** God’s Instruction for humans
16. **Prospect :** So, how do I get saved?
17. **Witness:** Believe in the sinless Jesus Christ
18. **Prospect:** Who is Jesus Christ?
19. **Witness:** The Divine & Human Son of God
20. **Prospect:** What did He do?
21. **Witness:** Died for you on the cross, and paid for the penalty for your sins, and offers people eternal life.
22. **Prospect:** So, how do I get this Eternal life?
23. **Witness:** By faith in who He is and what He has done for you
24. **Other items:** The New Birth, A New Creation, Indwelled by the Holy Spirit, Repentance, etc...

Can't
save
yourself

I. What about believing in the FATHER ?

Ro 4:24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

John 5:24

John 14:1

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

II. So, how does all this apply to the OT ?

Ge 15:6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

What did Abram believe? Read the preceding verses. He believed WHAT GOD HAD SAID!

Who was the (_object_) of Abram's faith? GOD!

What was the (_content_) of Abram's faith? "Your seed shall be like the stars in heaven!"

III. Salvation in all ages and dispensations

1. The (_BASIS_) of salvation is always the DEATH OF CHRIST
2. The (_REQUIREMENT_) of salvation is always FAITH
3. The (_OBJECT_) of faith is always GOD
4. The (_CONTENT_) of faith depends on what GOD has revealed to people.

See the examples above.

Today we must believe the **entire gospel**. (Romans 1:1)

Abram, in Ge.15:6 had only what God had revealed him.

Consider the principle of (_____). There is no better example of progressive revelation than studying the manner in which God revealed the truth about the Messiah!

We now know the FULL revelation of Jesus Christ. He is THE MAN, THE GOD, THE HUMAN PROPHET, THE DIVINE PROPHET, THE HUMAN PRIEST, THE DIVINE PRIEST, THE KING. All these aspects of Jesus Christ were revealed in the OT over time in somewhat fragmented and concealed manner. Most of these revelations did not occur until the period of the 8th. century prophets. Even King David only had limited information about the full nature of the coming King, Deliverer and Messiah.

We will discuss examples of the above in class!

Praise the Lord for the Messiah!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

1Ti 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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