

Abraham Believed In God – Galatians 3:6

Janet ...

“Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness”

Should it matter to anyone in the year of 2026, that Abraham believed God? Yes! Because Abraham was accounted righteous in the sight of God through faith. Noah also was seen righteous in God’s sight through faith. As it is written: “And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for they have I seen righteous before me in this generation” (Genesis 7:1). The epistle to the Hebrews gives the New Testament commentary on this Old Testament event. “By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith” (Hebrews 11:7). By faith the harlot Rahab perished not. As it is written: “By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace. And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: and others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth” (Hebrews 11:31-38). Righteousness in the sight of God through faith was the common link between all these who are included in the list of the faithful, from the harlot Rahab unto the Patriarchs, righteousness through faith is the common link. The persons involved in the list of the faithful, had this in common: they believed the promise of God, that is, they believed the word of God. They accounted God true to His word. They imputed truthfulness unto God. Whatsoever God said, they believed. This is very different from believing what men say about the things that God has said. It is the bare word of God that is to be trusted.

The Holy Scriptures declare that righteousness is through faith. How then is righteousness through faith? Faith has an object, the object of the faith of Abraham was the Person and accomplished death of the Redeemer, our Lord Jesus Christ. As saith our Lord Jesus Christ: “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am” (John 8:56-58). Faith finds in Christ Jesus the fulfillment

of the law of God; but not for Himself (Daniel 9:26). Christ Jesus did not live in this world as a private Person, unto Himself; but He lived in this world as a public representative of a great multitude of persons who were His by the gift of the God the Father. Those the Father gave unto the Son were given to Him, that He should be their Shepherd; and they His sheep. As our Lord saith: “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand. I and my Father are one” (John 10:27-30).

Those who are accounted righteous in the sight of God through faith, are justified in the sight of God by faith. As it is written: “Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law” (Romans 3:28; see Romans 5:1; Galatians 2:16; Galatians 3:11, 24). Is faith the meritorious element in the justification of a sinner? No! In the justification of a sinner faith is merely the result, of the illumination of the heart of the sinner; and illumination is by the Holy Ghost. It is the Spirit of God who shines the light of the knowledge of the glory of God into the hearts of the elected and redeemed children of the covenant. As it is written: “For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (II Corinthians 4:6). He who shines light in the hearts of lost sinners illuminates the hearts of those wherein He shines the light. As it is written “But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions; partly, whilst ye were made a gazing-stock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used. For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul” (Hebrews 10:32-39).

Faith is the proper receptor of a promise. Believers trust God who promised a Savior. The angel testified of the Savior, saying: “..call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). Those who are given unto the Son are the children of the covenant (Acts 3:25) who were given because chosen of the Father. As it is written: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and

without blame before him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will” (Ephesians 1:3-5). Trusting God and His promise believers have set to their seal that God is true. “He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true” (John 3:33). “He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life” (I John 5:10-12). Unbelief is a serious offence cast in the face of God. And it will bring eternal death, and everlasting ruin to those who believe not.

The salvation of God’s elect including: justification, sanctification, redemption, and final glorification, all these, are by the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the elect, are considered one with Jesus Christ, He is the Head of the election of grace, the whole multitude of the elect form His mystical body (I Corinthians 12:12-31; Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18; Romans 12:5). All the elect were in Christ in all that He did as the Covenant Head, Mediator, and Surety of the everlasting covenant of grace. The mystical body of Christ Jesus lived in Him; and with Him, in the accounting of God, that is to say they were and are reckoned one with Jesus Christ. Living in Him they fulfilled the law of God to its jot and tittle, and in and by Jesus Christ the elect earned a right to the tree of life (Matthew 5:17-18; Daniel 9:24,26; Revelation 22:14; John 1:12). In the reckoning of God the entire election of grace died on the cross with Jesus Christ. As it is written: “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

Because the elect died with Christ Jesus, they are: through the law, dead to the law. As saith the apostle: “For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God” (Galatians 2:19). “Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him” (Romans 6:8; Colossians 2:20). “Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ..” (Romans 7:4). Since believers are dead to the law: sin has no more power over them unto condemnation. As it is written: “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” (Romans 8:1). Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace” (Romans 6:12-14).

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my Saturday morning was totally preparing for that timeline. I had slept few hours; made a pan of Rice Krispy Treats for the many children, fixed a few helpful items & coffee, got my shower, shared a phone visit with Wayne Stinson of Morehead about a rose to represent our 1961 SHHS class, and arrived at Fannin Chapel about 10:30am. Reva’s son Richard took the items I brought down to the basement so I didn’t do the stairs. I again greeted all those from Friday evening plus lots of other neighbors & families. Reva’s sister Joyce Lewis Tackett, husband Harold, and their daughter’s families of Morehead were all there today; I hadn’t seen Joyce in years; she is about 86 I think. It was wonderful to share hugs with so many wonderful cousins with whom I grew up here in Isonville. I stayed as long as I could tolerate sitting, went to Diana & Richard for a whispered goodbye, and came back home. I stood on my porch as the funeral procession traveled up Elkhorn Branch Road to their Lewis Cemetery that is on the hill in front of my house but the entrance road is well past both mine & Sigrid’s houses. Tears rolled in a final farewell to a cousin with whom I share many marvelous years & memories; Diana waved & yelled that she loved me as she passed. My Cup Runneth Over!!! My phone rang just after all the cars passed my house; it was a nice surprise call from SHHS classmate Donna Adkins Fannin; she was inquiring about whether or not Nephew Don Rigsby did corn grinding into flour; I gave her data to learn if the mill still worked; we talk about several nice memories.

After funeral services, I had left my purse, phone, and straw hat in the car; I planned to travel to West Liberty’s Sorghum Festival after resting. I awoke on my bed about 7:30pm; I didn’t go anywhere.

Sept. 27 – This is Grandson Jericho David Sipple’s B-Day! I mailed his card several days ago & Danielle had texted me when it arrived in Georgetown. I hadn’t slept all night, did some window cleaning, porch sweeping, and bed lying for rest because sitting is very difficult. I didn’t go to church; I listened to all 24 chapters of Luke & 21 of John while resting. I shared a long FaceTime visit with daughter Stephanie in the afternoon; I did B-Day posting on FB for Jericho & several others. I attempted to burn one pile of limbs late in the afternoon, watered the yard flowers, walked out & visited with Sigrid & Samuel; Maynard had been working on the hot tub. I got the serial # from the Cub Cadet mower to check on a switch. I send prayers to Jesus for all the blessings in my life.

After working on this article, I did several computer searches trying to get prices on the mower part but got data on everything except the needed “Switch Assembly”! I have plans to make some calls on Monday regarding the needed part – our lawns are terrible, lol. There were lots of lovely FB posts on last night’s full moon; I forgot to get a photo!

Sept. 28 – I awoke about 8:30am to a FaceTime call from daughter Stephanie; she & I are making a trip to Grayson this afternoon. I shared several text & video FB posts with Sigrid, Samuel, Bethany, SHHS friend Ron Stiner, Indiana Niece Kristin Oliver Mahle, & others doing the “Senior Sunday posts of their ECHS seniors including Great-Grandson Jesse. I made a pot of chili with some home grown tomatoes, banana peppers, & one jar of the tomato juice I made. I will have to pick up some chili powder when I’m out today – the small amount I had is just not enough, lol. Stephanie & I decided to meet at Rt. 504 so I didn’t have to drive all the way to Grayson and we would have more visiting time; at 1:15pm I climbed into her car leaving

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Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Elliott County budget for fiscal year 2026-2027, to include unanticipated receipts from LARP Funding, Legal Process Fees, Jail Operations, Court Settlement, Prior Year Surplus, etc. in the amount of \$833,173.84 and increasing expenditures in the area of Reserve for Transfers, Tax Bill Preparation, Autopsies and Attendant Services, Capital Outlay, P & O Tax Refunds, Library Expenses, Other County Properties, EC Ambulance, Contract Workers, Road Maintenance, Signs etc., will be held on October 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elliott County Courthouse. A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

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mine parked at a nice “ride-share” parking spot where 504 & Rt. 7 intersect. We had a lovely couple of hours at VIP Nail Salon where we visited with customers that we knew. Mrs. Griffith that teaches in Morgan Co. now but was Stephanie’s Grandson Jesse’s teacher in elementary at Elliott Co. was getting her nails done; it was a pleasure to have a brief visit with her. Jean Adkins and her daughter Jeanette were also there; I didn’t recognize them until they were leaving – I hadn’t seen Jean in many years but her dear, kind face was lovely as always; I was being too distracted by the foot soak and back massage of the pedicure chair to notice who they were. My back, feet, & legs felt terrific; I almost fell asleep.

After the salon Stephanie took me over to Tractor Supply so I could get phone contact data for ordering the part needed for my Cub Cadet; that is where I bought the mower about 4-5 yrs. ago. We had a safe, lovely visiting time traveling back to 504 & my car; I stopped at the Dollar Store by Dave’s Supply & Garage to get the chili pepper I needed and more Bio-freeze for my aching muscles. I give my Lord Jesus Christ thanks for the blessings of this day with joyful time of daughter bonding. I send prayers for our Nation, folks with medical needs – especially bro-in-law Lawrence, ++; Until Next Week Folks !!!

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