



Father Abraham (Part 3)

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Galatians 3:8-9



6 Just as Abraham BELIEVED GOD AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. **7** So then, understand that it is those of faith who are sons of Abraham. **8** And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the Gospel

ahead of time to Abraham: "ALL THE NATIONS SHALL BE BLESSED IN YOU." **9** So then, those of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

– Galatians 3:6-9, translated by T. Bartolucci

I. Paul's Second Defense of Justification by Faith Alone: Abraham (3:6-9)

Previous points:

- A. Who Was Abraham? (6a)
- B. What Do Faith and Righteousness Have in Common? (6b)
- C. Will the Real Children of Abraham Please Stand? (7)

***Justification by Faith Alone
is as Old as Father Abraham.***

D. What Does Justification Have to Do with the Gospel? (8)

1. Overview: "justify" (justification) + "faith" + "gospel"

"God and the Scriptures are brought into such conjunction as to show that in point of directness of authority no distinction was made between them."
[B.B. Warfield, *The Inspiration and Authority of Scripture*. Philadelphia: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1948), 299.

2. Closer View:

a. "The Scripture preached the Gospel" – What does it mean that the "Scripture is personified?" (cf. Proverbs 6:16–18)

b. "All the nations" - plural of the word *ethnos* (nations, people, family groups, tribes, Gentiles) - Genesis 12:3 (LXX)

c. The Gospel is for all the nations!

E. Case Closed (9)

Five Concluding Thoughts:

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