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- Supplies Drop-off for Sacramento Refugees - Through June 28th
- Cityteam Oakland (Feeding & Chapel) - Saturday, June 15th
- EXTOL: Prayer & Praise @ the Altamont - Thursday, June 27th @ 7pm
  - Women's Day Cityteam Oakland - June 28th @ 10am
- Packing Party for Sacramento Refugees - Friday, June 28th @ 6:30pm
- Serving Refugees in Sacramento - Saturday, June 29th @ 8am
- Independence Day Church Picnic - Sunday, June 30th @ 4:00pm
  - "Newsies" Musical @ Woodminster - Friday, July 5th @ 8pm
  - Women's First Saturday Coffee - Saturday, July 6th @ 9am
  - Navajo Outreach (Registration Open) - July 12th - 21st
    - Morning of Solitude - Saturday, July 13th @ 9am
- Texas vs A's Game with Fireworks - Saturday, July 27th @ 6pm

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"I Am Set Free" - Leslie Jordan

"This is Amazing Grace" - Josh Farro,  
Jeremy Riddle, Phil Wickham

"Great Are You Lord" - Deborah D. Smith,  
Michael W. Smith

"Build My Life" - Housefires

"Who You Say I Am" - Ben Fielding,  
Reuben Morgan

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00  
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$791,982.00

Giving Last Week.....\$36,358.00  
Y-T-D Giving.....\$789,085.00

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# Romans

FAITH AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

**SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2019**

**MUSIC: SHAWN HOELSCH | MESSAGE: TIM JOHNSTON**

## MESSAGE NOTES

*Faith Righteousness: Abraham's Example &  
The Wealth of our Benefits*  
Romans 4 & 5

### Setting the Stage: Romans 1-3

- 1. Our Problem:** All people, regardless of their ethnicity or value system, naturally live under God's wrath. (1:18-3:20)
- 2. God's Solution:** God redeems those who **trust** Jesus, removing His wrath and granting us right standing before Him—think **Faith-Righteousness**. (3:21-31)

**Rom. 3:21** But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— **22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe**. For there is no distinction: **23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.**



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## Romans 4: The Faith-Righteousness of Abraham

### Abraham serves as a universal model...

- a. ... for the Faith-Righteousness principle of salvation. (4:1-12)
- b. ... as to how Faith-Righteousness salvation leads to faith-living. (4:13-25, esp. 18-21)

### Remember? Living faith . . .

1. . . . must have clear-cut objects/promises (18b).
2. . . . thrives with tension (18a).
3. . . . does not wilt in contradictory circumstances (19).
4. . . . rivets on the specific promises made by God (20-21).

**Rom. 4:18** In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." **19** He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. **20** No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, **21** fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

## Romans 5: Benefits, Experience, & Hope

### 1. Wealth of benefits in Faith-Righteousness (5:1-5):

- a. A guaranteed relationship with God (1a)
- b. A permanent state of peace with God (1b).
- c. A life with God based on His gift of grace (2a).
- d. A secured & thrilling long-term future (2b).
- e. Ongoing transformation in the stress of life (3-5)

**Rom. 5:1** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **2** Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **3** Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, **4** and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, **5** and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

2. Our experience of God's love flows from His love displayed in Jesus' death (5:6-8).
3. Our expanding hope likewise flows from the reality of Jesus' death (5:9-11).
4. Justification in Christ overcomes condemnation in Adam (5:12-21)

### Application: What do we do with Romans 4 & 5?

Follow the example of Abraham in living according to the Faith-Righteousness principle. (4:13-25, esp. 20-21)

**Rom. 4:20** No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, **21** fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

### Remember the application from 4:13-25? Keep it up!

- a. Name the specific promise.
- b. Talk to your Father.
- c. Give Him credit.
- d. Contemplate His abilities.

### Specific Promises pertaining to...

1. **Finances:** The Lord will take care of us financially, so we can live free from the love of money (Heb. 13:5-6)
2. **Fear & Anxiety:** God himself alleviates our fears when we seek to trust him with them (1 Pt. 5:6-10)
3. **Failure:** God is always working good in us, and will complete the work he started (Phil. 1:6)
4. **Guilt:** Since Jesus' priesthood and death serve as the foundation of our relationship with God, we can live free from guilt and self-condemnation (Heb. 10:19-22)
5. **Suffering:** Everything God brings into our lives, including suffering, intends to make us more like Jesus (Rom. 8:28-29)
6. **Temptation to Sin:** Jesus identifies with us in the midst of temptation, coming to our aid when we call on him (Hebrews 2:17-18)
7. **Death:** Those who believe in Jesus never experience spiritual death (Jn. 8:51, 11:25-26)