

Family preparation for congregational worship on February 05, 2017

Our Scripture-Romans 4:9-12 (ESV): Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. ¹⁰ How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. ¹¹ He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, ¹² and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

Discuss:

1. What is the relationship between Abraham's righteousness and circumcision?
2. What was the purpose of circumcision in Abraham's life?
3. How can both the circumcised and the uncircumcised claim Abraham as father?

Prayer: Praise the Lord that He has the power to do whatever He wants to do. Praise the Lord that He allows us to watch Him work. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for a greater contentment in God's providence. Pray for your daily activities. Pray, for Mark & Leslie Boyd that as they minister that God would give them wisdom. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize (January): "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. **John 3:16-17 (ESV)**

Music:

As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

*My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!*

*May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure warm, and changeless be a living fire!*

*While life's dark maze I tread and grief's around me spread, be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.*

*When ends life's passing dream, when death's cold, threatening stream shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove; O lift me safe above, a ransomed soul!*

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee", The Celebration Hymnal, #539, Word Music/Integrity Music © 1997

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SIGN	STILL	THEN
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