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**God’s Really Great News**

Romans 3:21-4:25

How much information did Abraham have (Scripture, scholars, etc.)? How much faith did he have? See Genesis 12:1-7 and John 8:56-58. What is our ratio of information to faith like?

Jews have a particular relationship to Abraham (4:1). In what sense are Gentiles who trust in the Jewish Messiah Jesus related to Abraham? See Romans 4:11-16.

Are there advantages to being a physical descendant of Abraham? See Romans 3:1, 9:3-5. What special inside deal with God does that advantage get a person? See Romans 3:22-24.

David lived his whole life under The Law but was saved by faith. How did his refusal to kill Saul show his faith that God was good and ultimately in control? (1 Samuel 24)

A person raised in the church and successful in ministry is often assumed to be great in God’s economy. Others, in Christ, struggle just to get their lives and families out of destruction and chaos. How does God take these things into account? See Mark 12:41-44.

As an independent man or woman, are you OK that God is not allowing you to earn your way into his presence (Rom 4:4-5)? How is that Good news to you?