

Why Abraham?

Scripture texts taken from TNIV

1. Abram's calling a prototype of our call to walk by faith.

“For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: **“The righteous will live by faith.”**”

Romans 1:17

- Abram left the comfort of his environment to follow God by faith. He is referred to as the “father of faith”

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2. God's redemptive plan for mankind

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: **While we were still sinners, Christ died for us**” Romans 5:8

- Abram's family were idolaters before God called him”

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3. Justification comes through faith in Christ

“Therefore, since we have **been justified through faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” Romans 5:1

- Abram believed in the Lord, and it was accounted to him for righteousness

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4. Sanctification

“Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together”. Genesis 22:8

- Abraham, **subsequently learnt to trust God unequivocally** even when it meant he had to sacrifice the child of promise – Isaac.

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5. God's perfection for His children

“being confident of this, that **he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion** until the day of Christ Jesus” Philippians 1:6.

- God finished the work He began in Abraham's life – He perfected him!
- Abraham was now very old, and the LORD had blessed him in every way. Genesis 24:1