

LESSON 6: 5/8/21, ABRAHAM'S SEED

LESSON NOTES, WHO ARE ABRAHAM'S SEED?

THE QUESTION "WHO ARE ABRAHAM'S SEED?" CAN BE ANSWERED IN 3 WAYS.

- 1. THE SEED OF ABRAHAM (SINGULAR)** - JESUS CHRIST
- 2. THE SEED OF ABRAHAM (PHYSICALLY)** - DESCENDANTS OF ABRAHAM ACCORDING TO THE FLESH.
- 3. THE SEED OF ABRAHAM (SPIRITUALLY)** - THOSE WHO, LIKE ABRAHAM, HAVE FAITH IN GOD.

1. THE (SINGULAR) SEED OF ABRAHAM IS CHRIST, AS GALATIANS 3:16, QUOTING GENESIS 12:7, SAYS, "THE PROMISES WERE SPOKEN TO ABRAHAM AND TO HIS SEED, (SINGULAR), MEANING ONE PERSON, WHO IS CHRIST." THE TEXT CONTINUES ON TO EXPLAIN THAT AN INHERITANCE WAS PROMISED TO ABRAHAM'S SEED (CHRIST) APART FROM THE LAW.

2. THE PHYSICAL SEED/FAMILY OF ABRAHAM REFERS TO THE HEBREW PEOPLE WHO DESCENDED FROM ABRAHAM THROUGH ISAAC. MORE BROADLY, THE SEED OF ABRAHAM COULD INCLUDE ARABS, WHO TRACE THEIR LINEAGE THROUGH ISHMAEL, THE FATHER OF THE EDOMITES.

- ALTHOUGH CULTURALLY IMPORTANT, IT COUNTS NOTHING FOR ETERNITY. ENTRANCE TO THE KINGDOM WILL NOT BE BASED ON PHYSICAL DNA BUT ON FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD.

- **JOHN 8:32-41**, JESUS, SPEAKING TO SOME ISRAELITES WHO WERE BY DEFINITION PHYSICAL DESCENDANTS OF ABRAHAM. SAYS THAT THEIR PHYSICAL LINEAGE IS OVERSHADOWED BY THEIR NEGATIVE SPIRITUAL LINEAGE.

3. THE SPIRITUAL SEED/FAMILY OF ABRAHAM (BELIEVERS IN JESUS CHRIST) IS COMPRISED OF PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONALITIES AND ETHNICITIES. JUST AS ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD AND HIS FAITH WAS COUNTED AS RIGHTEOUSNESS **GENESIS 15:6**, SO ARE ALL TODAY WHO BELIEVE IN GOD'S SON JUSTIFIED APART FROM THE LAW. IN THIS WAY, ABRAHAM IS THE "FATHER" OF ALL WHO BELIEVE **ROMANS 4:11-17**. "IF YOU BELONG TO CHRIST, THEN YOU ARE ABRAHAM'S SEED, AND HEIRS ACCORDING TO THE PROMISE" **GALATIANS 3:29**.

HEB. 10:38, 39: CHRIST SAYS "MY RIGHTEOUS ONES WILL LIVE BY FAITH, I TAKE NO PLEASURE IN THE ONE WHO SHRINKS BACK & IS DESTROYED.

- **THE PROMISE IS FAITH > ETERNAL SALVATION.** IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD WITHOUT FAITH, **HEB. 11:6.**