

“A Profile of Saving Faith”

Romans 4:17-25

- 1) What did justifying faith believe concerning God according to verse 17?
- 2) In what does justifying faith find its hope?
- 3) How does biblical “hope” differ from the natural “hope” that marks the world? How is “faith” different from “optimism”?
- 4) What would you say is the relationship between “faith” and “hope”?
- 5) How would you respond to someone who said to you that faith is a “flight from reality”?
- 6) What were the specific challenges that Abraham faced with respect to the promise of God?
- 7) What are some circumstances we often face in which faith must overcome feelings or perceptions (appearances)?
- 8) How did Abraham’s faith give glory to God?
- 9) According to verses 24-25 who and what are we to believe in order to be justified?
- 10) What are some means by which may our faith be strengthened?
- 11) Reviewing these verses (vv. 17-25) how is our faith *like* Abraham’s and how is our faith *different*?
- 12) What promises do we have to encourage and direct us? (see Matt. 28:20; Mark 10:29-30; Rom. 8:28, 32; Phil. 1:6; 4:19)
- 13) What practical effect should such a faith have in the way we view our present difficulties or our personal disappointments?

14) What practical effect should such a faith have in the way we view our earthly position or possessions?