

WHY I BELIEVE IN GLOBAL MISSIONS. (Pr Barry Silverback)

GOD SPOKE TO ABRAHAM

1. Abraham's SEED: the one specifically identified and named
2. Abraham's OFFSPRING: his children then (before) and now (today)
3. God's MESSAGE to Abraham: justifying the gentiles - clear and definitive.

GOSPEL PRESENTED IN ADVANCE

Meaning (ahead of time) **before** Christ's birth, death and resurrection.

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IDENTIFYING ABRAHAM'S SEED

This is different to his children.

The promise given to Abraham to bless the all the Nations was specifically designated to one seed and one seed only.

It was not many seeds - but to one seed only and that seed was Christ

GOD MADE A PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

Galatians 3:16 (niv) The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. the scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ.

IDENTIFYING ABRAHAM'S OFFSPRING/ CHILDREN

Referring to his biological children Isaac, and Jacob and beyond to Abraham's descendants today.

The apostle writing to the Galatian Christians states that: Those who are "of faith" are the children of Abraham.

Galatians 3:7 (nkjv) Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.

So, the New Testament believers are the children /sons of Abraham, and they are blessed with the same blessing that Abraham received.

Galatians 3:9 (nlt) So all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith.

Identifying that we as children of Abraham - carry the same the responsibility and obligation to bless the nations through one seed - Christ.

So, Christ is that seed through which God would justify the gentiles - the heathen - the non-Jewish peoples, the nations.

Identifying God's message and promise to Abraham

GOD'S MESSAGE

Galatians 3:8 The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "in you all the nations shall be blessed."

GOD'S PROMISE

Galatians 3:17-18 (nlt) This is what I am trying to say: The agreement God made with Abraham could not be cancelled 430 years later when God gave the law to Moses. God would be breaking his promise. **18:** For if the inheritance could be received by keeping the law, then it would not be the result of accepting God's promise. But God graciously gave it to Abraham as a promise.

GOD'S MESSAGE & PROMISE

This promise is about justification and the nations.

When God preached the gospel to Abraham there were two key words that are significantly associated with gospel and they were - justify and nations

***Galatians 3:8** (niv) The scripture foresaw that God would justify the gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “all nations will be blessed through you.”*

The use of the word justification as it reveals what God had in mind all those years ago of how He was going to bless the nations.

That it would be through the redemptive work of Christ on the cross.

***Romans 3:24** (niv) And are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*

Through the forgiveness of sins and the declaring them to be in right standing (justified) before God.

The blessing of the nations was synonymous with justification, people being declared righteous and brought into right standing with God.

The gospel is about the good news of God freely justifying the sinner and declaring him righteous and in right standing before God.

BUT! The Scriptures clearly teach that a man cannot be justified by the works of the law – otherwise Christ died for nothing.

Romans 3:20 (kjb) Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Galatians 2:21 (niv) I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

GOD'S PLAN

Jesus Christ was the key to God freely justifying the gentiles / heathen.

His plan had to include justification through faith in Christ - which meant faith in His redemptive work on the cross.

Romans 3:24 (niv) And are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

God's primary desire was for all nations to know that He freely justifies the sinner through faith in Christ.

This was to be the nature of the blessing for the Nations.

That God wanted all peoples and nations to be blessed through the benefits of Calvary.

For them to enjoy the inheritance that Christ purchased for all through his death & resurrection.

Romans 9:30 (kju) What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.

For all nations to be blessed with the blessings that come from Christ's atoning death and resurrection.

It was the justifying of the gentiles that was the primary thing in god's mind when he announced (preached) the gospel to Abraham

He had this in mind 400 years before the law was given; that he through Jesus dying for our sins and the blessings resulting from that one act of Christ he would bless the nations

HUMANITARIAN, MERCY MINISTRIES

This was to be the outflow or extension of Calvary's blessings.

The physical and material blessings provided to assist (bless) the nations are:

- Food, clothing, housing, security safety,
- Employment opportunities,
- Improving of health and living standards,
- Educational and Skills training (all kinds),
- Physical, emotional, & psychological needs.

They were to be the result of the overflow of Calvary's redemptive blessings.

These are the reasons why I believe in global missions.