

The Life of Abraham

A Biblical Example of Justification By Faith & Works

Life – line diagram

God's covenant promise	God's covenant promise	God's covenant promise	God's covenant promise
Genesis 12	Genesis 15	Genesis 17	Genesis 22
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New Testament Commentary	New Testament Commentary	New Testament Commentary	New Testament Commentary
Hebrews 11:8	Romans 4:1-4 Romans 4:13-22	Romans 4:9-12	Hebrews 11:17 James 2:14-26

The above diagram demonstrates the life of Abraham serves well to represent a life in which both faith and works are present to attain righteousness before God. Works which are pleasing to God follow one's conversion by faith in the Person and Work of Jesus Christ. God-honoring works do not precede saving faith. (see [Ticket illustration #1](#))

“Good works” of the flesh and obedience to the Law as qualification for salvation, even if some type of faith follows, is a faulty “works” system and does not result in righteousness before God. ([Ticket #2](#))

Mere intellectual assent, followed by works done in the flesh (without being born again) also falls short of justification before God because one must be “in Christ.” ([Ticket #3](#))

Faith alone, without works, is another approach to justification which leaves one lacking. ([Ticket #4](#))

Neither the works of the Law nor the works of our flesh are sufficient to make us right with God because good works never cleanses sin. ([Tickets #5 & #6](#))

God's approval toward Abraham's working faith serves to bring encouragement and anticipation toward the final day when we shall see Him as He is!