

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

Part I

1. The Calling

Verses: Gen 12:1-9; Acts 7:2-5; Rom. 8:29-30; John 12:19, 24

- The history of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is a wonderful description of our Christian life.
- He was called out of his country, out of his kindred and out from his father's house.
- He was called into a land, that the God of glory wanted to show him.
- The meaning of the word „church“ (Ekklesia): the called out ones.
- God's work is hidden.

2. Justified by Faith

Verses: Heb.11:6-10; Gal.3:6; Eph.2:8, Isa.28:16; 1 Peter 2:6-10, 1:7; Rom.8:28, 35-39; Ps.91:2

- By faith Abraham was obedient to go out to a place which he did not know (Heb.11:8-10)
- Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him as righteousness (Gal.3:6)
- The source of our faith is God (Eph.2:8)
- Without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb.11:6)
- Without faith it is impossible for God to use us and to accomplish his purpose (Isa.28:16, 1 Peter 2:6-10)
- Our faith must be proven (1 Peter 1:7)
- To know God in all situations (Rom.8:28, 35-39; Ps.91:2)

3. The Flesh Crucified (1)

Verses: Gen 15:2-6; 16:1-4; 17:1-17; Gal. 4:21-31; 3:3-6; 5:16, 22-25

- God gave the promise of an heir. Abraham believed God, however he thought he must help God.
- When God appeared to him again, the circumcision was the sign of the covenant between God and Abraham. After redemption we Christians must be baptized.
- Walk in spirit and deny the soul-life.

4. The Flesh Crucified (2)

Verses: Rom.6:3-4, 8:8; 1 Cor.3:10-15; Gal.6:7-8; Rom.2:28-29, 6:6; Gal.2:19-20; 1 John1:9; Rom.8:13-15

- We should walk in the newness of the Spirit (Rom.6:3-4)
- We cannot please God in the flesh (Rom.8:8)
- 2 kinds of material for God's house (1 Cor.3:10-15; Gal.6:7-8)
 - Wood, hay and stubble (Ismael)
 - Gold, silver and precious stones (Isaac)
- The dealing of the flesh through God and our cooperation with him.
- The foundation
 - The true circumcision (Gen. 17:11-12; Rom.2:28-29)
 - Our old man has been crucified with Christ. (Rom.6:6)

- We live by faith (Gal. 2:19-20)
- Our experience
 - We confess our sins and receive forgiveness of sins. (1 John 1:9)
 - We deny our self and do not stand with our old man. (Röm. 8:13-15)

5. The Blessing of Abraham

Verses: Gal. 3:6-14; Hebr. 11:8-16

- The blessing of Abraham – that we might receive the Spirit through faith.
- Our walk is not according to the law, but in spirit by faith.
- He looked for the city which has foundations – the heavenly Jerusalem.