**GALATIANS 3:8,11**

**JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ALONE**

**NOTES**

INTRODUCTION

 **1. Abraham was justified by faith not by works or by ordinances --- Romans 4:1-12**

 **2. The promise of justification is granted through faith not by obedience to the law ---**

 **Romans 4:13-25**

**VERSES 5-8**

**1. "Blessed is the man"---this man is blessed in three ways:**

 **a. God imputes righteousness to him apart from works---verse 6(b)**

 **b. His sins are forgiven and covered---verse 7**

 **c. His sins are not counted against him---verse 8**

**VERSES 9-12**

**1. "The sign of circumcision," was a sign of:**

**a. A sign of celebration--- it was a picture of the joy that a believer was counted as**

 **righteous.**

**2) A sign of witness---the believer was testifying that he believed in God.**

**3) A sign of a changed life---the believer was saying that he lived for God.**

**4) A sign of identification---the believer was declaring he was one of God's people.**

**VERSES 14-15**

 **1. The law brings about wrath---it does this in three ways:**

 **a. First: Law shouts out at a man, "Break me and you become guilty, condemned, and**

 **are to be punished."**

 **b. Second: Law works wrath in that it keeps man tied up in knots, under pressure and**

 **tension, and in a strain.**

 **c. Third: Law works wrath in that it causes a man to focus his life upon the law and not**

 **upon God.**

**VERSES 18-22**

**The Strength of Abraham's faith---Verses 18-22**

 **1. This strength of faith was seen in four ways:**

 **a. First: Abraham hung unto hope---Verse 18**

 **b. Second: Abraham was not weak in faith---Verse 19**

 **c. Third: Abraham did not waver in his faith---Verse 20**

 **d. Fourth: Abraham was fully convinced---Verse 21**