

FAITH ALONE

WHAT WAS MEANT THEN... WHAT IS TRUE NOW

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Tabletalk (For family devotions and Life Group discussions)

Introduction: Sola Fide (Latin); Penance & Historical Context; Looking Back; Abraham as an Example

Key Bible Texts: Romans 4:18-25; Genesis 12 to Genesis 15

A. Facing the Facts

1. Abrahams “facts” (Romans 4:18-1; Genesis 15:1-6)
2. Our “facts” (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 64:4-6; Romans 7:21-25)

B. Being Fully Persuaded (Romans 4:20-21)

1. Exposure, Aha Moment (Gen 15:4-5), Commitment
2. Making it personal

C. The Moment of “Justification”

1. Abraham: Believing in God’s Promise (Romans 4:20-22)
2. Just as Abraham believed and received the promise, SO MUST WE
Romans 4:23-25
3. Our “Aha Moment” (John 3:16; John 14:6; Luke 17:33)
+ Our Commitment = Faith Alone = The Moment of Justification

D. “Faith Alone” Leads to a Changed Life (Works) (Ephesians 2:8-10)

1. Living as Children of Light (13 examples in Ephesians 4:17-5:21)
2. Actions and Attitudes
3. Perseverance with God’s Help
“His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life...”
2 Peter 1:3

Idea: *Read the scripture reference prior to reading the Table Talk Question.*

1. For those of you who have committed your life to Christ, what were the steps to your justification (your moment of commitment to Christ) beginning with your “Exposure” to Christ and leading up to your “Aha Moment”? (For the sake of time, “bullet points” only ☺) How might this inform your approach to those you are trying to win to Christ?
2. What did you learn or what might have been confirmed, or how might you be challenged regarding the concept of “Faith Alone”?
3. Thinking about the day you stand before God for Him to determine your permanent destiny, are you more or less confident that you will spend eternity with Him? Explain?
4. How many examples of a changed life can you name in 3 minutes? Write them down. Compare them to the 13 (or more) examples found in Ephesians 4:17-5:21. Do any of them “hit home”? Discuss.
5. What is one thing you sensed, felt or “heard” the Lord emphasize to you regarding the sermon or outline? In what practical way could you respond?