

Abraham's Faith

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And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Genesis 15:6



**Abraham is the Bible's
favorite example
of salvation.**

Think about Abraham in the N.T.

70 References

Jews Adored

John Rebutted

Jesus Rebutted

Paul in Galatians

Paul in Romans

Hebrews 11

**Abraham is called the
Friend of God**

**Art not thou our God, who didst drive out
the inhabitants of this land before thy
people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of
Abraham thy friend for ever?**

II Chronicles 20:7

**Abraham is called the
Father of the Faithful.**

And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:


Romans 4:11

**What is another
name for heaven?**

Abraham's Bosom!

And it came to pass, that the beggar died,
and was carried by the angels into
Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died,
and was buried;

Luke 16:22



**A key event in
Abraham's life is
in Genesis 15:6.**


And he brought him forth abroad, and said,
Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars,
if thou be able to number them: and he said
unto him, So shall thy seed be.

Genesis 15:5



**And he believed in the LORD; and he
counted it to him for righteousness.**

Genesis 15:6



**This was Paul's
favorite verse
for justification.**

What is justification?

**It is a legal term to
describe a person
being declared
righteous.**


A simple definition is:

***Just as if I'd never
sinned.***

**Justification is how
a person avoids hell
and arrives in heaven.**

**God the Judge of all
declares a person
righteous and without
sin by Jesus Christ's
life and death.**

**Do you understand
this is the most
crucial issue
for you?**



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Genesis 15:6

2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.

3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Romans 4:2-3

4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Romans 4:4-5

**Cometh this blessedness then upon the
circumcision only, or upon the
uncircumcision also? for we say that faith
was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.**

Romans 4:9

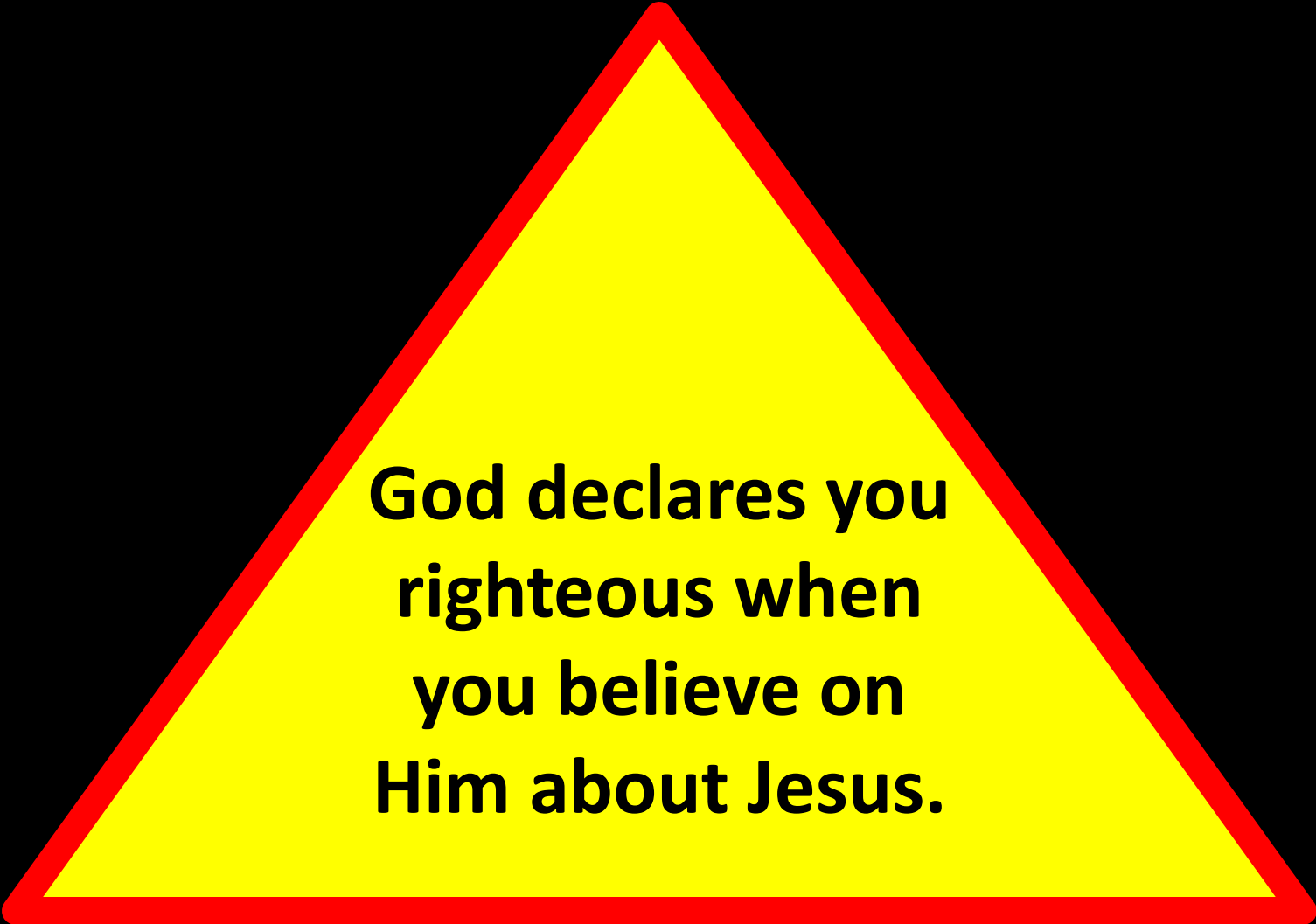
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Romans 4:11


23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

Romans 4:23-24

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**God declares you
righteous when
you believe on
Him about Jesus.**



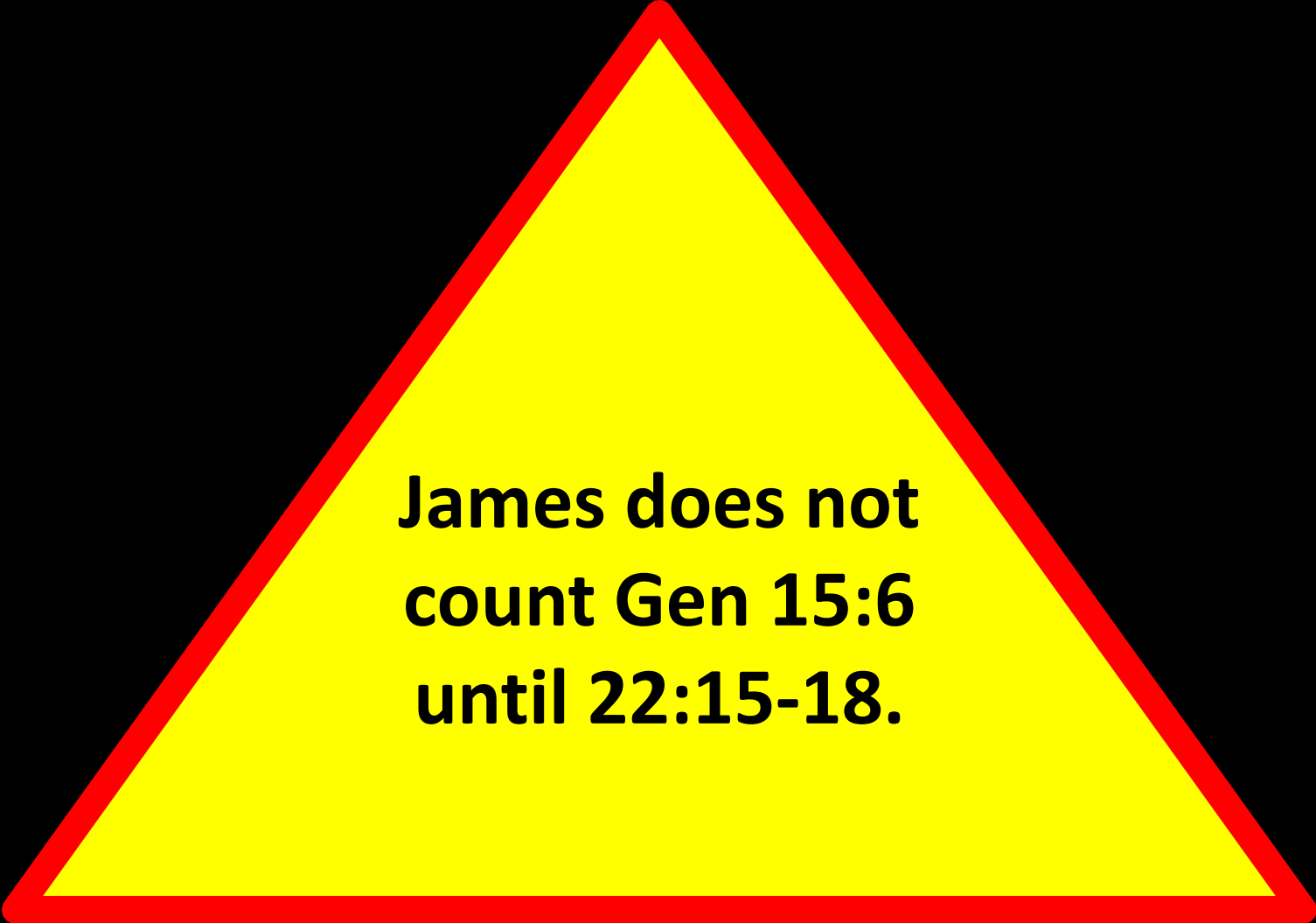
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**Even as Abraham believed God, and it was
accounted to him for righteousness.**

Galatians 3:6

What do these four words mean?

- Count = Reckon = Impute = Account
- All four words mean exactly the same thing.
- To consider or regard a thing as being so and so.
- God regarded his faith as proof he was righteous.
- The words do not mean to make a thing so and so.
- They do not mean to infuse anything into a thing.



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until 22:15-18.**

**And he believed in the LORD; and he
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Genesis 15:6



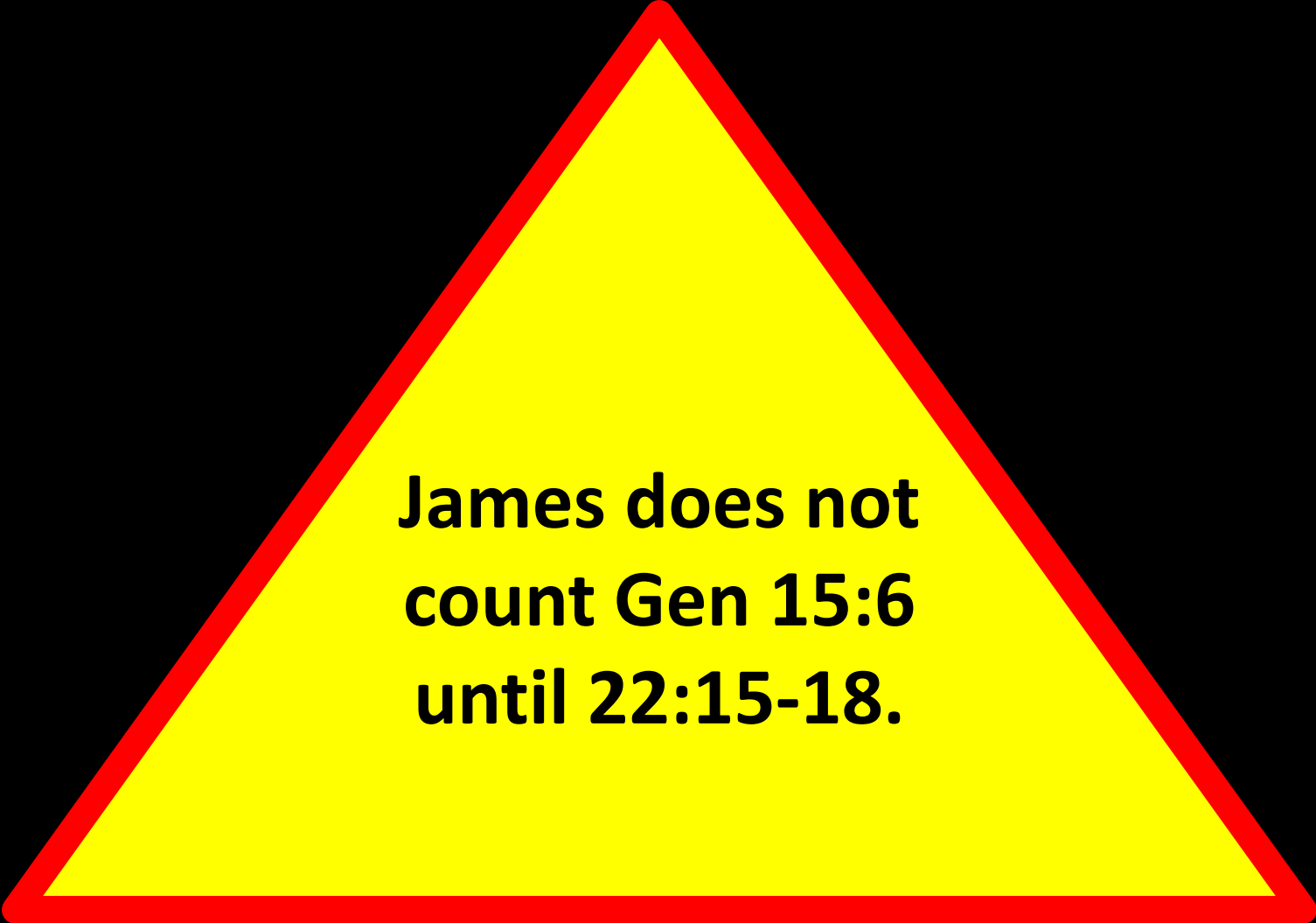
**15 And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,
16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:**

Genesis 22:15-16

17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Genesis 22:17-18



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21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?


22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

James 2:21-22

23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

James 2:23-24



**When was
Abraham
saved?**

**Did Abraham get
justified when he
looked at the stars,
believed, and God
counted him
righteous?**

**Or did Abraham get
justified when he
offered Isaac on an
altar as a sacrifice?**

**Or did Abraham get
justified when Jesus
lived a perfect life and
died for Abraham?**

**Being justified freely by his grace through
the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:**

Romans 3:24

**Who was delivered for our offences, and was
raised again for our justification.**

Romans 4:25

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.


Romans 5:9

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Romans 5:19

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23



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faith long before
either event!**



**The two events
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of evidence for
justification!**

At 72 ...

**Abram obeyed God by
faith and left Ur of the
Chaldeans for Canaan.**

(Genesis 11)

At 75 ...

**God promised Abram
all the blessings that
He would repeat later.**

(Genesis 12)

At 75 ...

**Abram built altars and
worshipped God at
Bethel and elsewhere.**

(Genesis 12)

At 77 ...

**Abram returned rich
from Egypt to worship
God again at Bethel.**

(Genesis 12)

At 78 ...

**Abram gave the best
land to Lot, but God
promised him a seed.**

(Genesis 13)

At 78 ...

**Abram built another
altar and worshipped
God at Mamre.**

(Genesis 13)

At 80 ...

**Abram took 318
servants to rescue Lot
from four evil kings.**

(Genesis 14)

At 80 ...

**Melchisedek, the
priest of Jehovah,
blessed Abram.**

(Genesis 14)

At 80 ...

**Abram paid tithes
to Melchisedek the
priest of Jehovah.**

(Genesis 14)

At 82 ...

**God declared He was
Abram's shield and
exceeding reward.**

(Genesis 15)

At 82 ...

**Abram believed God's
promise of the huge
family he would have.**

(Genesis 15)



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Genesis 15:6

At 85 ...

**Abram, weak in faith,
listened to Sarah and
took Hagar as wife.**

(Genesis 16)

At 99 ...

**God changed his
name to Abraham and
required circumcision.**

(Genesis 17)

At 99 ...

**Weak in faith again,
Abraham laughed at
God for son by Sarah.**

(Genesis 17)

At 100 ...

**Sarah gave birth to
Isaac, the promised
son, on schedule!**

(Genesis 21)

At 116 ...

**Abraham obeyed God
and tried to offer
Isaac on an altar.**

(Genesis 22)



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At 137 ...

**Sarah died and he
took pains to bury her
for the resurrection.**

(Genesis 23)

At 140 ...

**He married young
Keturah, and Isaac
married Rebekah.**

(Genesis 24 & 25)

At 160 ...


**He had grandsons,
the twins Jacob and
Esau, by Rebekah.**

(Genesis 25)

At 175 ...

**Abraham died and
went to heaven. Isaac
was 75, Jacob 15.**

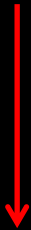
(Genesis 25)



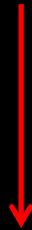
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Hebrews 11

Romans 4
Galatians 3
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James 2
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**Abraham was a
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faith and works
before Gen 15:6
or Gen 22:15-18.**




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**Did anything change
in Abraham or change
in heaven when he
believed in Gen 15:6?**

No!

**Did anything change
in Abraham or change
in heaven when he
offered Isaac in
Genesis 22?**

No!



**The two events
gave us examples
of evidence for
justification!**

**Are there other
examples like
this that are
only evidence
for justification?**

30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed.

31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

Psalm 106:30-31

Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot
justified by works, when she had received
the messengers, and had sent them out
another way?

James 2:25

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

Hebrews 11:4

**How are you
justified?**

**The very same way
as Abraham!**

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works prove it!**

**For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision
availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but
faith which worketh by love.**

Galatians 5:6

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:12-13

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

II Peter 1:5-7

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

II Peter 1:10-11

Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

I John 3:7

For Further Study

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- Seed of Abraham ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/bible/prophecy/seed-of-abraham.php>.
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