

January 18 Questions

- 1) Abram was justified by _____. God took him outside his tent one night and told him that his descendants would be as numerous as the _____ of heaven. Abram believed God, and God “counted it to him as _____” (Gen 15:6). Abraham is *the* _____ of how we are saved by grace through faith (Rom 4:1–3; John 8:38–40). Paul later told the Galatians that God’s primary purpose in setting apart the Jews was to create a _____ lineage, not a physical one. Being a “child of Abraham” means responding to God in _____ and _____ like Abraham (cf. Gal 3:6–9). Years went by and Abram still had no child. Eventually, he listened to the advice of his wife Sarai and had a child through her Egyptian slave _____. Yet Ishmael was not the child of the _____, and Paul later used this story to demonstrate that not every descendant of Abraham is a true “child of Abraham.” Only those who _____ like Abraham can claim such a privilege (cf. Rom 9:6–9). Paul also pointed out that Abraham was justified _____ he received the sign of circumcision (Rom 4:10). God did this deliberately in order to make him the father of _____ who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well (Rom 4:11–12).