<b>Abraham was</b>	made right with	God by grace	through faith	and not works.

Abraham is the spiritual forefather of all who believe, both Jews and Gentiles.

Abraham's faith and ours.

## **Questions for Discussion & Application**

- 1. What questions do you have about today's passage?
- 2. Why do you think Paul used Abraham's faith to illustrate the idea that one can only be made right with God through faith and not by works?
- 3. What specific promises of God did Abraham believe? How are these promises fulfilled in Christ? (See Genesis 12:1-3; 15:5-6; 17:5)
- 4. What other person from the Old Testament is given in today's passage as an example of being counted righteous by faith?
- 5. How does Paul defend his position that Abraham is the spiritual forefather of all who believe (or trust God's promises that are fulfilled in Christ)?
- 6. What descriptions of Abraham's faith do we see in verses 17-21? Who and what were ultimately the object of Abraham's faith?
- 7. How is your faith as a Christian like Abraham's faith?
- 8. Why is it such incredible news that all who believe in Jesus are counted righteous in Him? Who can you share this good news with?