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Galatians 3:1-14

The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Galatians, realized they were having trouble understanding the nature of salvation. In chapter 3, it is clear their thinking was wrapped up in a "works" mentality, as though our deeds or works could save us. Paul attempted to correct this way of thinking by reminding the church in Galatia that it is by faith that we are justified and become a part of God's family. In verses 6-7, he writes, "So also Abraham ?believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.' Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham."

Faith, then, is the result of the extended grace and mercy from God. This grace and mercy opens the way to salvation. It is extended to all people, even while we are yet sinners. It is by God's grace that we come to the point of belief.

Abraham had unwavering faith in God, and we see how God used him and blessed him. Does our faith extend to those kinds of depths?

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