



Sabbath School Ministry

Sabbath School Department Inter-European Division

Outline with ideas for group discussion largely taken from the Teachers' Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.

Lesson no.: 05

22 - 28 July 2017

Title:

Old Testament Faith

Key texts:

Gal. 3:1-14; Rom. 1:2-5 & 4:3; Gen. 15:6 & 12:1-3; Lev. 17:11; 2 Cor. 5:21.

A. Themes to Explore:

1. There is only one way to salvation. It has always been the same, it always “comes from the Lord”, both in the Old and New Testaments.
2. Paul declares the Galatians to be ‘mindless’. They had lost sight of Christ and had returned to carrying out acts to gain merit.
3. To counteract this apostasy Paul constructs his argument of ‘by faith alone’ on the Old Testament.

B. Learning Objectives*

Know: Understand that the principles of salvation by faith that we find in the NT are established in the OT.

Feel: Feel the anguish and pain of the separation from the Father that Jesus endured for us.

Do: Reflect on and accept the profound sacrifice that Christ offered for us and trust in His mercy.

C. Other possible questions for deeper study, debate, sharing and testimony**

1. **Why is this lesson important to me? (Motivate);**
 - 1a. Why does Paul call the Galatians foolish, literally ‘mindless’? And why does he use the story of Abraham to help them?
2. **What else is there still to learn from God’s Word? (Explore);**
 - 2a. What was the apostasy in Galatia? What concrete facts alarm Paul? How does he approach the problem?
 - 2b. How should we understand the phrase “the faith of Abraham was counted/accredited to him as righteousness”?
3. **How can I practice what I’ve learned from God’s Word? (Apply);**
 - 3a. How can we make the OT the foundation of our faith in Christ even today? What does Paul teach about this in 2 Tim. 3:16?
4. **How can I communicate and apply what I’ve learned from God’s Word? (Create).**
 - 4a. What stories and/or teachings from the OT could you use to help others believe in Jesus?

NOTES:

- * Copied from the Teachers Edition that adopts active, functional and sharing principles (Know, Feel, Do).
- ** To compare and use together with the final questions found in the lesson study every Friday.
- *** The questions in red are drawn from the Teachers Edition.