



Seventh Day Adventist Church Inter-European Division

Sabbath School Ministry

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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 **28 October – 3 Novembre 2017**
Title: **The Faith of Abraham**
Key texts: ***Genesis 15:6; Romans 3:20 & 31; 4:1-17; 2 Samuel 11 & 12; 1 John 3:4.***

A. Themes to Explore:

1. Using the story of Abraham Paul seeks to demonstrate that no one can be saved except by the grace of God.
2. The life of Abraham, father of all believers, teaches us how God considers those who believe in His promises and His Word.
3. Legalism and every attempt to merit blessings and salvation is a perversion of the message of the Bible.

B. Learning Objectives*

Know: Acquire a personal understanding of salvation by grace from the Old and New Testaments.

Feel: Understand the unity between the Biblical message about God and that of His gift of salvation as a single, general revelation.

Do: Get a clear idea about salvation by grace, in order to witness about it to others in a simple manner.

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

1. **Why is this lesson important to me? (Motivate);**
 - 1a. Why should the law be observed if it doesn't save? Why does it not save me if I observe it, but if I transgress it, it still condemns me?
 - 1b. How can Paul say that works (even good ones) are considered a debt rather than credit?
2. **What else is there still to learn from God's Word? (Explore);**
 - 2a. How does the Old Testament make it clear that salvation is a gift of God that we receive free of charge?
3. **How can I practice what I've learned from God's Word? (Apply);**
 - 3a. What lessons should we learn from a God who is so merciful? How can we apply these in our personal relationships?
4. **How can I communicate and apply what I've learned from God's Word? (Create).**
 - 4a. How can we share with others the experience that derives from Abraham's life simply and positively?

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.