1. Abraham was not justified by works. He instead believed the promise of God and his belief was counted to him as righteousness.
2. We cannot always see how God will fulfill His promises to us, but we can trust in Him through faith that He will indeed fulfill those promises.
3. To have faith alone in God is to trust His promises apart from any work that we might try to do to earn them. We cannot earn the blessing of God.
4. Abraham was already righteous through faith before he performed the obedience of circumcision.
5. Abraham’s work of circumcision came about only as a sign and a seal of the righteousness that he had through faith in God.

Application

1. Remember that as sinners the only wage we can earn is the condemnation of God. Because of this, the only hope we have of forgiveness is the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. So, believe!
2. The fruit of Abraham’s faith was obedience to God, so let us obey God as He works inside our hearts to bring about spiritual fruit.
3. Just as circumcision was a seal and not the foundation of Abraham’s salvation, the works that a believer in Christ performs are not the foundation of our salvation, but the fruit. So, repent of any pride in your heart.