

Welcome to the Worship Celebration of



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New LIFE Fellowship Announcements:

**LIFE GROUP → 6:30pm Bowers' Home
Wed. evening**

**Pass out Flyers? This week? Saturday?
Talk to Bowers, Yvette... ?**

**Passover In Christ: Friday April 3rd,
after sunset - either at Thomas' home
or another venue, we'll keep you
posted.**



**Let's Prepare Our Hearts to Worship
our HOLY and AWESOME GOD**

Let's Study Our Awesome God's Word →



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Abraham, Circumcision, & Faith

Romans 4:1-15

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⁵ But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, ⁶ just as DAVID also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:

⁷ “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
And whose sins are covered;

⁸ Blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin.” (Psalm 32:1, 1)

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⁹ Does this blessedness then come upon the **circumcised only**, or upon the **uncircumcised also**? For we say that faith was **ACCOUNTED** to Abraham for righteousness. ¹⁰ How then was it **ACCOUNTED**? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? **NOT** while circumcised, but while **uncircumcised**. ¹¹ And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be **the father of all those who believe**, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be **IMPUTED** to them also, ¹² and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised.

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Pay attention to God's **ACCOUNTING TERMS** →

Accounted, Accounts, Accountability

Reckoned, Reckoning, Reckon

Imputed, Imputation

Reconciliation, Reconcile, Reconciled

Debt, indebted, Forgiven all Debts

There will be a day of Reckoning... when we will have to give God an Account ... All Accounts will be Settled

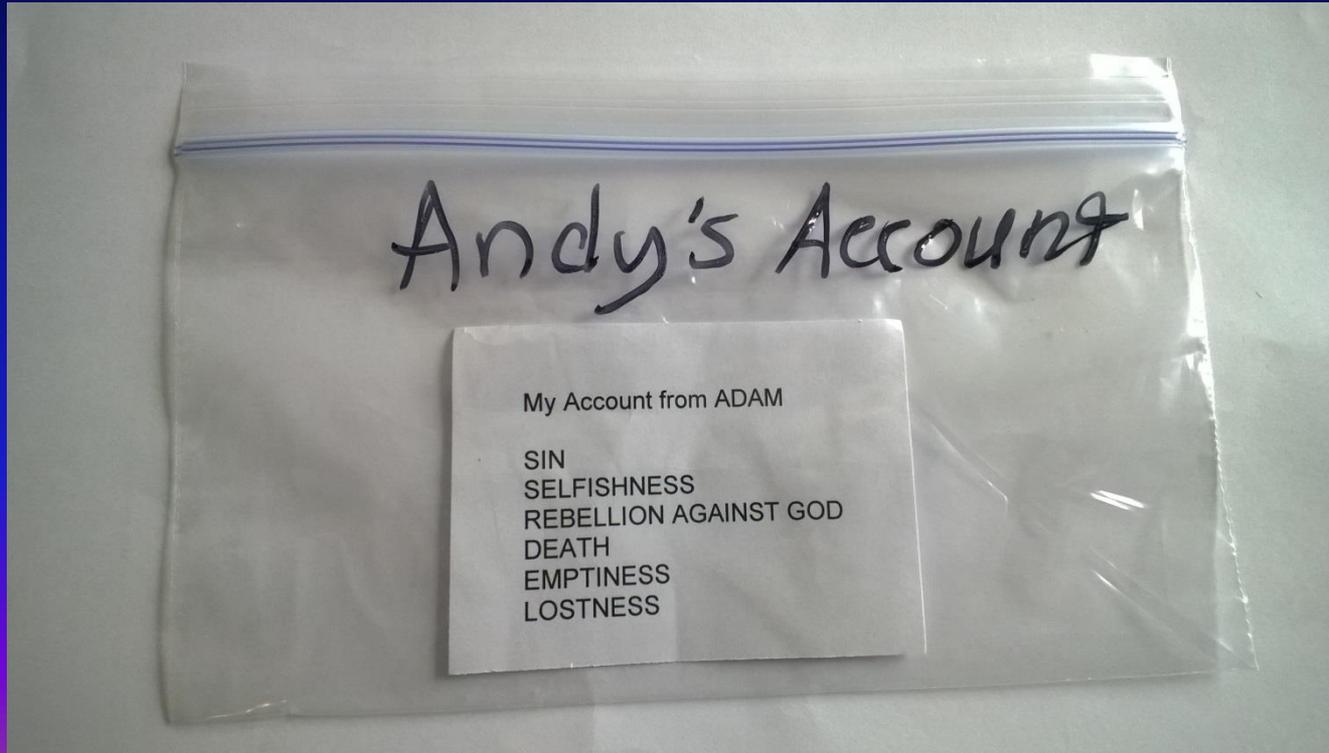
We have been Reconciled to God through Jesus Christ

We are ACCOUNTable to God

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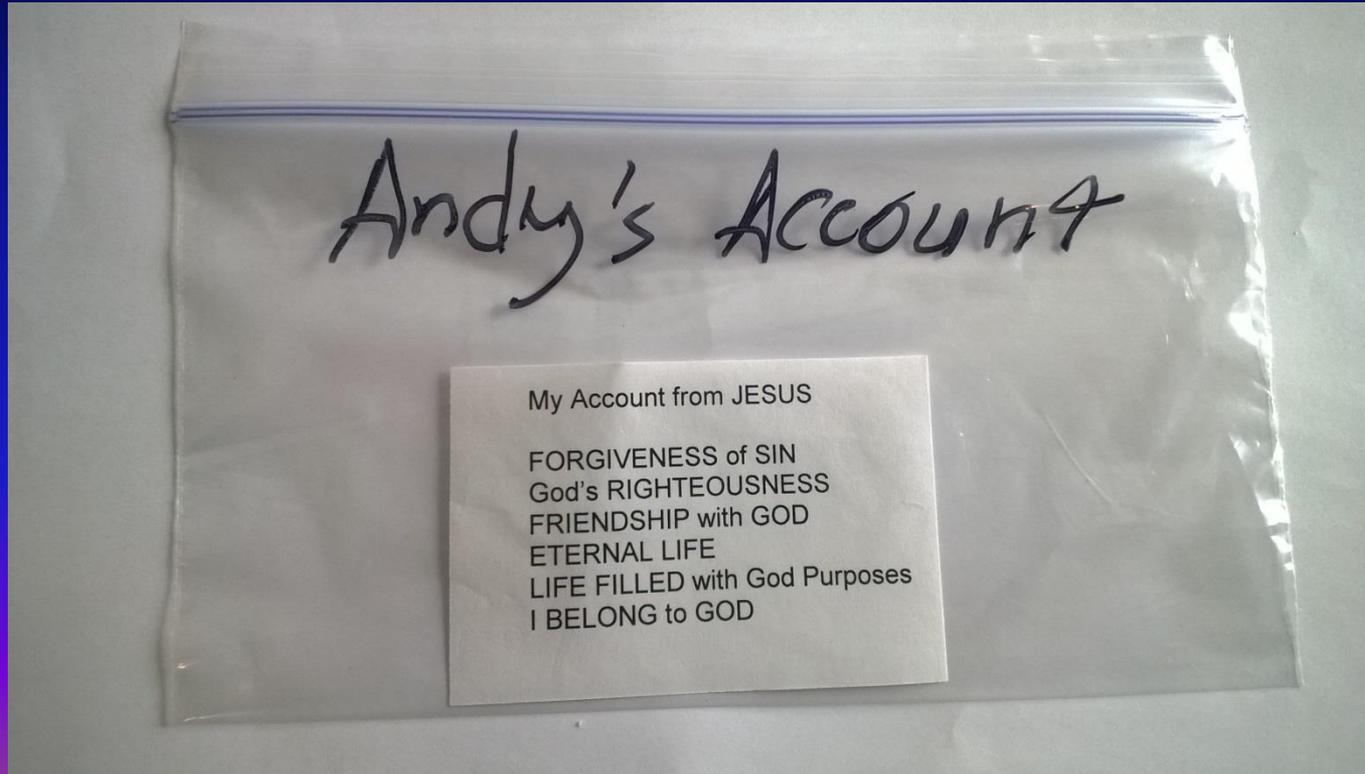
So, Before Christ came into my LIFE ... this was TRUE:



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AFTER Christ came into my LIFE ... this IS NOW TRUE:



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Paul asks ... At what point in time did Abraham receive God's Righteousness by FAITH in GOD? (see verses 9-12)

Was it **BEFORE** Abraham received the SEAL of Circumcision or **AFTER**? (see verses 9-12)

Why was Paul asking this?

Answer: This was a Big Deal in "Ministry Circles" of pastors and church leaders coming out of Judaism – reference Acts 15 and the whole book of Galatians for more on this. You could be a "ministry" outcast if you weren't Politically Correct regarding this, during Paul's time

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This is very relevant in today's Church "circles" ... in the "church world" ... the Popular things ... the new fads that come along... "church traditions [man-made]" ...

If you don't "go along" with them ... you can find yourself as a "ministry" outcast... very unpopular ... "black balled" ... shunned ... estranged... called by various bad names

This has been the NORM for God's People who actually STAND UP for GOD and His WORD, ALONE...

Look at the Prophets of OLD ... some were listened to, others were cast out, others were stoned and killed.

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By asking these Questions ... Paul is bringing us back to
the WORD of God, the TRUTH of the WORD of God ...
about Jesus Christ, God's Righteousness, and our
PERSONAL FAITH in GOD.

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CATCH THIS → Today, in a “kinda” similar way, **WATER BAPTISM** is a **SIGN** of our Faith in Jesus Christ AFTER we have been truly Born Again in the Spirit by Christ. Just like Water Baptism doesn't SAVE anyone, neither did Circumcision. They are both Symbolic in nature.

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ABRAHAM RECEIVED GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH BEFORE the LAW of GOD through MOSES even existed.

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My Bankrupt Account (my LIFE's Account) is now Reconciled to God, All my Debts are Forgiven, God Accounted to me (CREDITED to my account) All of Christ's Righteousness... I am now FILLED with all the Abundant Riches of God in Christ Jesus. The LAW that had WRATH against me because my Account was bankrupt and overdrawn ... no longer can touch me (my account's debts are Paid in Full and have an Everlasting supply God's LIFE, Love, Truth, Righteousness, Mercy, Grace, Forgiveness, etc.

a never ending SUPER-ABUNDANT supply)

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We are in the New Covenant ... so Circumcision no longer applies to any “born again” Christian disciple of Christ.

The SEAL of the NEW COVENANT was Signed in the Blood of Christ (LEGAL & ACCOUNTING TERMS) ... the New Covenant (i.e. my New Account with God) is Signed in Christ’s Blood. We receive all of this by Personally Trusting in God through Jesus Christ. → i.e: By FAITH Christ’s Crucifixion, Death, Burial & Resurrection

**→ God’s Grace - Signed, Sealed and DELIVERED
(RESCUED)**

Let’s Worship God for His Wonderful GRACE & Truth

See y'all Next Time we Gather...

@ LIFE Group and/or Here Next Week



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