

**Exhibit A**  
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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 3:27-4:25.

B. This section concerns atonement—this is the place where God and man meet.

C. Abraham illustrates justification by faith—he is exhibit A when we consider justification by faith.

II. The fact of faith—justification is by faith and no other way.

A. A person is justified apart from the law.

B. Abraham attained a high place before God.

1. Man did not attain his high standing before God—it was given to him.

2. Righteousness does not come by earning anything before God—it cannot be gained this way.

3. Abraham simply believed God and he received righteousness through it.

C. The only way to be right before God is to make room for God in the life.

D. David is also cited as trusting God. (Psalm 32)

1. David wrote the psalm at a time when he was guilty of great sin.

2. He understood justification by faith, not works.

E. There is a time for faith.

1. Many thought circumcision brought about righteousness.

2. However, Abraham was righteous before circumcision by faith.

3. Faith is the first thing—it is what makes contact with God possible.

F. God is the most important fact in human life—we must make room for Him in our life.

III. The effect of faith: Abraham will rule the world as a result of his faith and all his friends with him. (I Corinthians 3)

IV. The nature of faith.

A. Faith is a feeling of confidence that we will attain what we hoped for based upon a conviction that there are things unseen that will bring these things to pass. (Hebrews 11)

B. God is the unseen one who will bring these things to pass.

C. The direction of the walk of faith is into all the richness of an eternity with Jesus Christ.

**Application questions:**

1. What is faith? Explain.

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2. How can it be said that righteousness comes from faith and not from works?

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3. What is the effect of faith, and why should this compel people to trust in God?

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