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Topic: How May I Be Righteous?
Text: Galatians 3:6-14

1. All men are sinners. Hence, anything we do, even though they might be seen as righteous works before another man, is stained with sin and unacceptable to God. How, then, can we be righteous?
2. To be righteous before God, we must first be saved by faith. This means that we do not need to do any work but simply believe that Jesus Christ is our Saviour and He can save us from our sins. Abraham did nothing special that qualified him for heaven - he believed in the Lord and did what God told him to do. It was accounted to him for righteousness (see Galatians 3:6 and Genesis 15:6). Apostle Paul highlights that some seek to be righteous through the law, but the law actually reveals how sinful we are (see Galatians 3:10). He concludes that the law justifies no man in the sight of God and the just shall live by faith.
3. To be righteous before God is through faith in Jesus Christ. It must be in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, as recorded in the scriptures. He is the only perfect Man and, therefore, our only Substitute.

“Faith says to God: ‘I believe what you say.’”- Luther