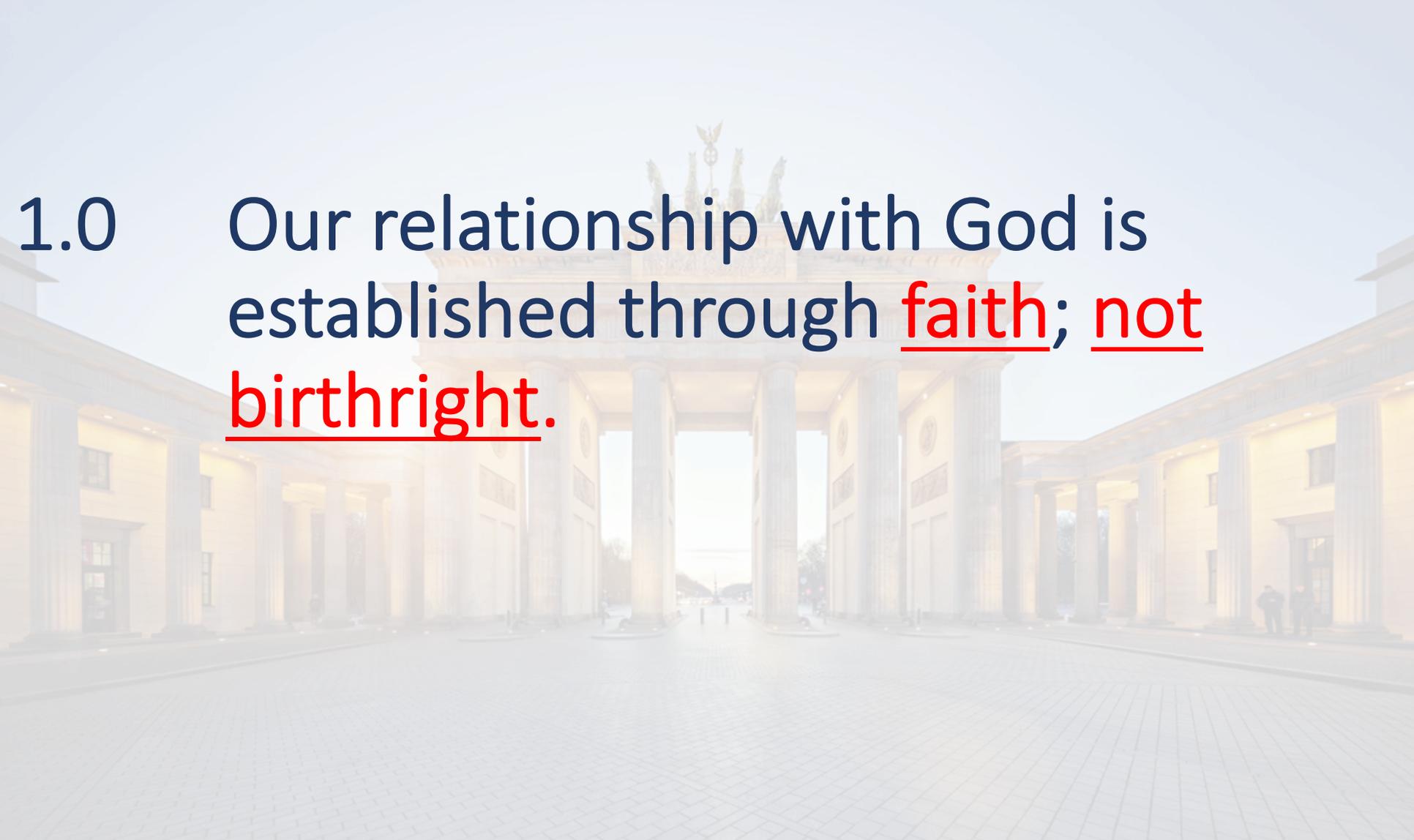


Righteousness Imputed by Faith Alone

(part 1)

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1.0 Our relationship with God is established through faith; not birthright.

1.1 When we walk by sight, it may seem right but generally it only complicates problems.

Romans 9:6-7

It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."

Genesis 17:17-18

Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, “Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?” And Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael might live under Your blessing!”

1.2 When we walk by faith, God's promises never fail to illuminate the solutions we seek.

Romans 9:8-9

In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

Hebrews 11:11-12

And, by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered Him faithful who had made the promise. And so, from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

Galatians 3:28-29

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Romans 2:28-29; Romans 4:11-13;
Romans 4:23-25; Galatians 6:14-15

2.0 Relationship with God is established by God's calling; not our works.

Romans 9:10-12

Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: not by works but by Him who calls—she was told, “The older will serve the younger.”

2.1

God's sovereign choices impact lives: some positively and some negatively.



Genesis 21:11-12

The matter **distressed Abraham greatly** because it concerned his son. But God said to him, “Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.

2.2 God's sovereign choices may seem unfair or even evil until growing faith provides new perspective.

Romans 9:13

Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

Luke 14:26

“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be My disciple.