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1. **Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ into thinking it is through good works (keeping the Law) that you have been made right with God. (v.1-9)**

*Example: Abraham*

GENESIS 15:1-6 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup> And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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2. **Abraham's \_\_\_\_\_ to God comes as a result of faith, not as a \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation.**
3. **As followers of Christ, we fall in love with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and follow them as we fall deeper in love with God and learn \_\_\_\_\_ Him more and more.**

PSALM 19:7-14 <sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup> the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup> the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. <sup>12</sup> Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. <sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. <sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

**4. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ (redeemed us) from the curse of the Law by becoming \_\_\_\_\_ on our behalf. (v.10-14)**

**So we are either...**

- \_\_\_\_\_ by the Law because of our sin, OR...
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