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2. What does it mean that righteousness was "credited" to Abraham?
3. Why is it important that Abraham believed before he was circumcised?
4. What religious activities can people mistakenly trust instead of Christ?
5. How does Abraham's faith encourage believers facing impossible situations?
6. Why is Jesus' resurrection essential to our justification?
7. What does it look like to live by faith this week?

Personal Reflection Questions

1. Have I been trying to earn God's acceptance?
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