



RBM's AFRICAN BIBLE COLLEGE (ABC) CERTIFICATION

LESSON 3: This is to be grouped with lessons 2 & 4 (This Lesson is" Strong Meat" to be taught by only the skillfully. Read & think it though. Otherwise skip this one)

Can your Righteousness Become Unrighteousness?

"My salvation shall be forever and my righteousness cannot be abolished."

Isaiah 51:6

How did the first person recorded to be righteous become righteous? Answer: **Romans 4:3**
"Abraham *believed God* and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

After God gifted Abraham with being *righteous*, which means to be in right standing with Him, He stated that the righteousness of God which is He and which He gives, cannot be abolished.

Therefore, the righteousness that God credited to Abraham's account could not be abolished. Do you understand? *Let's see by taking this one step at a time.*

- God's gift of righteousness He gave Abraham cannot be abolished. (Isaiah 51:6) Right?
- After God declared Abraham *righteous*, did Abraham sin? Answer: **Yes**

He is recorded lying twice about his marital status, and sleeping with a woman not his wife.

When Abraham was in the middle of telling his lie or sleeping with his maid if you asked God is Abraham in right standing with you (righteous) right now? What would have been God's answer? **YES**. **Why?** Because God's gift of righteousness "cannot be abolished" Abraham was not counted in right standing with God by his living upright since "all of our righteousness meaning our upright living is as filthy rags" to the Almighty. (Isaiah 64:6, Rom 4:5-6)

- Let's list some of our upright righteousnesses that God calls filthy rags such as our righteousness of preaching, praying, witnessing, Bible reading, fasting "ALL of our righteousnesses are filth to Him, so God is not taking into account our good deeds to maintain our righteousness because he counts our good deeds as filth like our evil deeds in regards to them maintaining our righteous status before him. Therefore, Abraham was counted righteous *not* by his works but by "the righteousness of God which is by faith." *Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness.*

When Abraham behaved himself ungodly, did God change Abraham status from righteous to unrighteous and thus abolish Abraham's righteousness? **No**, Abraham was righteous but was he behaving godly? **No**. Did Abraham make himself righteous in the Old Testament? **No**, God made him righteous with His righteousness that cannot be abolished. Likewise, for you in the New Testament. "By the righteousness of **one** [Jesus Christ's behavior], the free gift came" upon you (Romans 5:18). Like Abraham's, our gift of "righteousness cannot be abolished."

Since you are "to walk in the steps of that faith of Abraham," how do you become righteous like Abraham? As Abraham *believed God* you must "*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ* and thou shalt be saved," which means be made righteous for heaven (Act 16:31) Does this mean you are a good example of a Christian believer. **No**, and neither was Abraham a good example of a believer who trusted God in each tough time he faced requiring faith. Likewise, when we fail in areas of discipleship God does not turn our righteousness into unrighteousness.