Lesson #8
TEXT: Rom. 4:13-25 (This portion of scripture teaches why justification was not, and cannot, be by the law).

I. Why Justification was not by the law. Rom. 4:13-15
   a. God promised Abraham that he would be the heir of the world was through the righteousness of faith, 430 years before the law was given. Gal. 3:8, 17
   b. If justification was by the law: (Rom. 4:14)
      1. Faith is made void
      2. Promise made of none effect
      3. It would benefit only the Jew
   c. The law worketh wrath (Rom. 4:15)
      There is the death penalty upon all who do not keep it perfectly, therefore condemning all and saving none.

II. Why Justification is by faith Rom. 4:16-18
   a. That it might be by Grace (Rom. 4:16)
   b. That it might be Sure (ETERNALLY SECURE) to all (Rom. 4:16)
   c. That God might fulfill his promises made to Abraham (Rom. 4:17)

III. Why Justification was by faith Rom. 4:19-22
   a. Abraham was not weak in faith (Rom. 4:19-20)
      1. considered not his own body now dead
      2. considered not the deadness of Sarah’s womb
      3. staggered not through unbelief
   b. Abraham was strong in faith (Rom. 4:20-21)
      1. giving glory to God (what it is all about)
      2. fully persuaded God would perform what He had promised

IV. Why Justification shall be by faith Rom. 4:23-25
   a. Righteousness was not imputed unto Abraham for his sake alone.
   b. Righteousness shall be imputed unto us also, if we believe.
   c. Christ was delivered as the payment for our offenses (sins).
   d. Christ was raised from the dead to justify those who believe.