

Fellowship Baptist Church, September 25 2016 P.M.

Scripture: John 8:31-47

Message: "The True Seed of Abraham"—John 8:37, 39 (v. 31-47)

INTRODUCTION: There seems to be a contradiction between verse 37, where Jesus says, "I know that Ye are Abraham's seed..."; and verse 39, where Jesus says, "If Ye were Abraham's seed...". There is no contradiction. Verse 37 refers to the physical seed and verse 39 the spiritual seed. Romans 2:28 and 29 give the answer, there are those who are Jews outwardly and those who are Jews inwardly.

I. The physical seed of Abraham—v. 37

A. Two sons:

1. Ishmael—born of Hagar, Sarah's handmaid (Gen. 16-17).
 - a. Born when Abraham was 86 years old.
 - b. Born as a result of Abraham and Sarah not waiting upon God.
 - c. Became the father of the Arab nations.
(Most of whom became Muslims.)
2. Isaac the son of promise (Gen. 18 & 21).

B. Not all of the physical descendants of Abraham were Jews.

1. The covenant would be through Isaac.—Gen 17:19-21
2. God's promises are through faith not ancestry—Gen. 15:5-6
3. The physical seed would be as the dust of the earth—Gen. 28:14

II. The spiritual seed:

- A. Believers are the spiritual seed of Abraham—Gal. 3:6-9
- B. The blessings of Abraham are through Faith—Gal. 3:14-16
- C. The spiritual seed is not based on genealogy—Gal. 3:26-29 (v. 26, 29).
- D. The spiritual seed is a matter of the heart.—Rom. 2:17-29

III. There are those who make false claims:

- A. The Pharisees of Jesus day—John 8:39
- B. The church of Smyrna in Revelation—Rev. 2:9-10
- C. False professors in Jesus day—Matt. 7:21-23

CONCLUSION: Those who truly are children of God love the Lord Jesus (8:42).