



SPIRITUAL LIFE AND MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER 2017

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"I wish you A Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year"

Opening Song: "Father Abraham"

Father Abraham had many sons, many sons had Father Abraham; I am one of them and so are you. So let's all praise the Lord! Right Hand.

Repeat Verse Add Ending: right hand, left hand.

Repeat Verse Add Ending: right hand, left hand, right foot.

Repeat Verse Add Ending: right hand, left hand, right foot, left foot.

Repeat Verse Add Ending: right hand, left hand, right foot, left foot, head high.

Repeat Verse Add Ending: right hand, left hand, right foot, left foot, head high, turn around.

Repeat Verse Add Ending: right hand, left hand, right foot, left foot, head high, turn around, sit down.

Prayer: (As led by the Holy Spirit)

Scripture: Romans 4:9-16

Meditation: "Good Credit"

"Credit debt? Bad credit? No credit at all. We can help! We can fix your credit debt. Have you heard that advertisement on the radio or TV? If by default, identity theft, or poor money management we've gotten into debt, a number of companies stand ready to help.....for a price.

When it comes to our debt of sin before a **Holy God**, there's no self-induced bailout plan. No religious ceremony or accomplishment of good works can reverse our bad credit before **God**. For Abraham and his people, neither could circumcision transform the heart. The only way to have a clear and clean record before **God** is through **Faith**. In **Faith** we trust **God** to do what we are powerless to do.

What makes this God-given righteousness even more special is that it's called "**blessedness**" (verse 9). **Blessedness** touches all of life. It brings peace, joy, and assurance. Not even a good credit rating can bring all of that into our lives. Just as we sang the chorus as children in Sunday School, so too again we declare: *"Father Abraham had many sons; Many sons had Father Abraham, I am one of them and so are you. So let's all praise the Lord!"*

Closing Prayer:

Father, I'm humbled by the righteousness of Christ that **You** give me through faith. I know that everything that I have is a gift from **You**. Thank You for the blessedness **You** bring into my life. Through Christ I pray. **Amen**.