

**Pursuing God's Friendship  
Don't Get Saved.....  
Genesis 12.1-3/James 2.14-26**

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Why would a pastor say such a thing? Why would any Christian make such a statement? I think God has too many saved people. There are just too many gossiping, judgmental, stuck up and pretentious church going Christians hanging around the church.

The result is that unbelievers don't want to have anything to do with the church. Too much talk. Too much attitude. Too much drama. Too much judgment. You name it and there's just too much of it.

The result in the believer is that we're too hell and heaven conscious. Too sin conscious. Too "I did really good conscious". Too church position conscious. Too "did pastor see me" conscious.

So we don't remain conscious of the kingdom. We don't ask ourselves how well we're representing the kingdom. How did my love look at the grocery store? Did I keep confident my brother or sisters failure or did I broadcast it? Can I be trusted? Do I criticize people constantly?

When you just get saved you miss the whole point of salvation...

James 2:23

*23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS," and he was called the friend of God. NASU*

**1. Abraham didn't just get saved, he became God's Friend.**

- It was friendship that gave him influence. Ge. 18.16-22

This friendship caused God to talk with him about the decisions He made regarding Sodom and Gomorrah.

- It was friendship that made him trust God.
- It was friendship that produced recovery of lost goods!

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### **Genesis 12.1-3/James 2.14-26**

#### **2. Abraham didn't just get saved, he became a kingdom man. Ge. 12.1-3**

*3 And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."*

- Kingdom requires movement from the former kingdom. 1 Peter 2:9-10

*9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*

- Kingdom requires us to set things up for God. Mt. 6.33
- Kingdom requires total trust in God.  
Abraham left home without knowing where in the world he was going.

#### **3. Abraham didn't just get saved, he became the Father of faith. Ro. 4:17**

*17 (as it is written, " A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.*

- It only takes a measure of faith to get saved! Ro. 12.3
- Kingdom living unlike church living requires a different level of faith!
- Faith that projects beyond your own life and changes future destinies!

Gen 18:17-19

*17 The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, 18 since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will be blessed? 19 "For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him." NASU*