

# *The Gospel As Seen in the life of Abraham*

God's promises and covenants with Abraham typify the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The hope of Abraham and of the nations for salvation depends on God fulfilling His promises to give a son. (Gen. 15:1-6; Luke 2:28-32)

The births of Isaac and Jesus are miraculous (Gen. 17:15-18; 18:12-14; Matt. 1:18-25)

However both sons have to die and be raised from the dead before they can fulfill their missions, Isaac in type, Jesus literally (Heb. 11:19)

God enacts His covenant with Abraham in connection with a sacrifice (Gen. 15:18)

God initiates the New Covenant with the Church through the sacrificial act of crucifixion of Jesus (Luke 22:20)

Circumcision is the sign of Abraham's covenant (Gen. 17); the communion cup is the sign of the New Covenant (Luke 22:20)

Abraham has to leave his home to establish his community as a group of aliens and sojourners (Gen. 12:1)

The church today confesses itself to have its citizenship in heaven and not of this world (John 15:19; Phil. 3:20)

Finally, both Abraham and the Church are founded on the future hope of a new heaven and earth (Heb. 11:39-40)