

Sermon Topic: WHO ME? A MISSIONARY?

Sermon Text: Genesis 12: 1-3

12¹ The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you."² "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing."³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

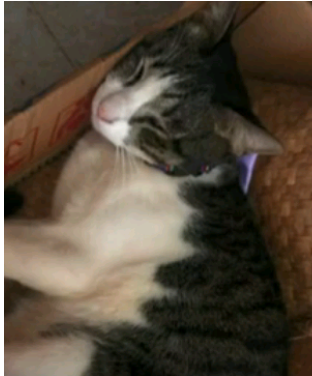
cf: Galatians 3: 6-9, 14

⁶ So also Abraham "believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."⁷ Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham.⁸ Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you."⁹ So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

¹⁴ He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

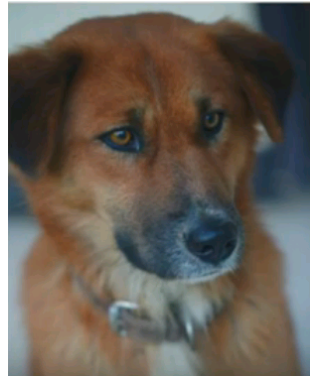
Who are the ones with faith? **Us, who believed through faith in Jesus Christ.**

What Kind of Christian Are You? A Cat Christian Or A Dog Christian?



Cats

My master feeds me!
My master shelters me!
My master cares for me!
My master loves me!
I must be God!



Dogs

My master feeds me!
My master shelters me!
My master cares for me!
My master loves me!
He must be God!

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Similarly, there are two kinds of Christians...

Cat Christians: *The universe revolves around me! My Kingdom come, my will be done!*

Dog Christians: *The universe revolves around God! Your Kingdom come, Your will be done!"*

When it comes to salvation...

Cat Christians: *Just say the sinner's prayer will do! Save me from hell.*

Dog Christians: *Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner! Save me to be with You.*

When it comes to the practice of the Christian life...

Cat Christians: *What feels good must be good.*

Dog Christians: *Obedience to God is more important than operating by my feelings.*

When things don't go accordingly...

Cat Christians: *God, this is not fair!*

Dog Christians: *God, I will trust in You!*

When it comes to worship...

Cat Christians: *Praise God coz He has blessed me with xxx.*

Dog Christians: *Praise God coz He is God.*

When it comes to serving...

Cat Christians: *Serving is optional!*

Dog Christians: *He has called me to be a servant.*

When it comes to blessings...

Cat Christians: Wants blessing but none of the responsibility!

Dog Christians: Wants blessing but will share it with others!

How they read John 3:16...

Cat Christians: For God **so love the world** that he gave His only Son **for us...**

Dog Christians: **For God so love** the world that **He gave His only Son** for us...

How they understand the Great Commission ...

Cat Christians: What's in it for me?

Dog Christians: It must be our priority and responsibility!

What is wrong with the Cat's theology?

It is not wrong, but it is just incomplete! Only want to read the nice part of the Scripture!

Top-Line Blessings and Bottom-Line Responsibilities

Genesis 12:2

² "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great,

Genesis 12:3

³ "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse:

Psalms 46:10

¹⁰ He says, "be still, and know that I am God;

Psalm 67:1-2

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us-



and you will be a blessing.

And all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

² so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations



Other verses highlighting that blessings comes with responsibilities

1. Psalms 67:3-5
2. Isaiah 61:10-11
3. Malachi 1:11
4. Luke 24:45-48
5. Matthew 24:14
6. Revelations 5:9, 7:9-10

The Great Commission (Genesis 12, Matthew 28:18-20)