Genesis 1-11

- The foundation of the Bible, history and theology

- Great themes:
  - God
  - Creation
  - Man
  - The Fall
  - The Flood
  - The Dispersion at Babel
  - The hopeless estate of man

- The plan of salvation in primitive form
  - The Divine purpose
  - Seed of the woman
  - Clothing of animal skins
  - An acceptable sacrifice
  - Seth – appointed by God
  - Enoch walked with God – preached
  - Lamech’s hope
  - Noah found grace
  - Mercy in wrath at the Flood
  - The Covenant with Noah
The Plan of Salvation Presented to Abram

› The Promise
  1. Blessing – salvation
  2. A great nation – Israel
  3. Blessing for the nations
  4. The Seed – a future Child

› The Plan of God
  1. Unconditional – Galatians 3:15-29
  2. Progressive revelation
  3. The blessing experience under the curse
     – Life under the Promise of God
     – A faith driven life
God’s Covenant and Man’s Devices
Genesis 15-17

- Genesis 12-14
  The Promise is given to Abram.
  Arrival in the Promised Land
  The departure to Egypt in the face of famine
  The division of the land in the face of conflict
  The military conquest
  The lesson of Melchizedek
    – Abram is blessed of the Most High God
    – The role of Melchizedek
  Abram refuses reward from Sodom

- Genesis 15-17
  Blessing is by faith – Genesis 15
  Blessing is by faith alone – Genesis 16
  Blessing is by faith which works – Genesis 17
Justification by faith – Genesis 15

- Genesis 15:6 – Abram justified by faith
  Romans 4:1-3
  Galatians 3:6-9
  James 2:23
- What was it that Abram believed that God “counted it to him for righteousness”?
  What do we believe to be justified?
    Jesus is the Son of God
    Jesus died on the cross for our sins
  What did Abram believe?
    The Promise – Genesis 12:1-3
    A child for Abram – Genesis 15:1-5

- The faith of Abram (Genesis 15:1-6)
  The Word of the LORD came to Abram
    – I am your shield – I am your great reward
  Abram’s response
    – no offspring!
    – Eliezer was his heir
    – What will you give me?
  The LORD’S answer
    – Abram shall have a son
    – Offspring like the stars in number
  Abram believed God about the great reward
  Abram’s reward:
    John 8:56; Hebrews 11:10, 13, 16 (11:24-26)
  The great reward
    Hebrews 11:6
    Isaiah 40:9-11; 62:11-12
    Matthew 5:11-12; 6:1; Luke 6:35; Col. 3:23-24
The Covenant Ceremony
The land promise re-affirmed
  – Abram asks for evidence
The Covenant ceremony
  – 3 dead animals and 2 dead birds
  – Deep sleep for Abram
  – The promise of God delayed
  – The smoking torch
  – The land defined.
Answer: Trust the faithfulness of God!
Misguided faith
Justified by faith alone
Genesis 16

- True faith of Abram and Sarai
- Misguided faith
  - The human plan
  - The consequences
  - The Angel of the LORD
  - The faith of Hagar
- Ishmael is born
Justified by faith that works
The evidence of true faith
Genesis 17

- The duty of Abram (17:1-2)
  “Walk before Me and be blameless.”

- The promise of God (17:4-8)
  father of many nations
  Abram is Abraham
  an everlasting possession

- The sign of the Covenant
  circumcision

- The offspring of Abraham and Sarah
  the promise re-affirmed
  Abraham circumcises his household
The Blessing

- The Blessing is eternal salvation.
- The Blessing is received by faith.
- The Object of faith is the Seed Who saves.
- The Blessing comes by faith *alone*!
- The Blessing is demonstrated by obedience.