



GOD'S PROMISE IS FOR ALL

Romans 4:13-25

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Good morning church! Well, what a privilege it was to honor our Mothers last week for Mother's Day. Two weeks ago we studied the Old Testament story of Abraham as a model to prove justification is by grace through faith in Christ. Today, I want teach you a little more about Abraham today from the book of Genesis, but start here in Romans 4 as we see that Abraham's Promised REWARD is promised to us as well.

READ, Romans 4:13-25

"For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. **14** For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. **15** For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. **16** That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, "who is the father of us all, **17** as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. **18** In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told. "So shall your offspring be." **19** He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. **20** No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, **21** fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. **22** That is why his faith was counted to him as righteousness." **23** But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, **24** but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, **25** who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification."

1. God's Promise comes through the Righteousness of FAITH . (v 13-15)

2. God's Promise is GUARANTEED for All People who Believe. (v 16-18)

"Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ." **Galatians 3:16**

"My hand laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I call to them, they stand forth together." **Isaiah 48:13**

3. Abraham was Fully Convinced GOD WAS ABLE to do what He had Promised. (v 19-25)

*"And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. **3** I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." **4** So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran."*

Genesis 12:2-4; 7

*"When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, **2** that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." **3** Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, **4** "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. **5** No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, [meaning] for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations."* **Genesis 17:1-5**

*"Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" **18** And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" **19** God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him."* **Genesis 17:17-19**

*"After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." **2** He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."* **Genesis 22:1-2**

*"When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. **10** Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. **11** But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." **12** He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ... **18** and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."*

Genesis 22:9-12; 18