

Promises Made, Promises Kept (Romans 4:13-25)

The Gospel of God, Part 12

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BIG IDEA: The Gospel is putting your faith in who God is instead of what you do.

1. What Faith is Not: _____ by Law

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. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. (Romans 4:13-15)

*So then, the law was our **guardian (tutor)** until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. (Galatians 3:24-25)*

2. What Faith Does: _____ the Promise

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, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”— (Romans 4:16-17)

Faith means: _____ Trust

3. What Faith Is: Fully _____ God is Able To Do What He Promised

“in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 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.” 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. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.” (Romans 4:17b-21)

“You are going to get to know your Lord by faith or you will not know Him at all. Faith in Him, trust that is in Him . . . not in His ways.” – Gene Edwards

4. Who Faith Helps: Those Who _____ In Him Who Raised From The Dead Jesus Our Lord (Romans 4:22-25)