# Heirs of Righteousness Reclaiming our Real ID Understanding our Identification in Jesus Christ Pt. 5 Bishop Parnell M. Lovelace, Jr., D.Min., Ph.D. Founding and Senior Pastor



Romans 4:13-25

### Review:

- 1. The Gentile has sinned and needs Jesus Christ.
- 2. The Jew has sinned and needs Jesus Christ.
- 3. We all have sinned and need Jesus Christ.
- 4. We all are justified by faith in Jesus Christ versus our culture.

### Genesis 17:1-8 CSB

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him, saying, "I am God Almighty. Live in my presence and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> I will set up my covenant between me and you, and I will multiply you greatly."

<sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell facedown and God spoke with him: <sup>4</sup> "As for me, here is my covenant with you: You will become the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup> Your name will no longer be Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I will make you the father of many nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you extremely fruitful and will make nations and kings come from you. <sup>7</sup> I will confirm my covenant that is between me and you and your future offspring throughout their generations. It is a permanent covenant to be your God and the God of your offspring after you. <sup>8</sup> And to you and your future offspring I will give the land where you are residing - all the land of Canaan - as a permanent possession, and I will be their God."

#### **Romans 4:13-25 CSB**

<sup>13</sup> For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would inherit the world was not through the law, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>14</sup> If those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made empty and the promise nullified, <sup>15</sup> because the law produces wrath. And where there is no law, there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> This is why the promise is by faith, so that it may be according to grace, to guarantee it to all the descendants - not only to the one who is of the law but also to the one who is of Abraham's faith. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup> As it is written: I have made you the father of many nations - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, the one who gives life to the dead and calls things into existence that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> He believed, hoping against hope, so that he became the father of many nations according to what had been spoken: So will your descendants be. <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body to be already dead (since he was about a hundred years old) and also the deadness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> He did not waver in unbelief at God's promise but was strengthened in

his faith and gave glory to God,<sup>21</sup> because he was fully convinced that what God had promised, he was also able to do. <sup>22</sup> Therefore, it was credited to him for righteousness. <sup>23</sup> Now it was credited to him was not written for Abraham alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us. It will be credited to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was delivered up because of our trespasses and raised for our justification.

## The Blessing of Faith (Hebrews 11:1-3 CSB)

- Faith declares hope against hope. (Faith does not focus on circumstances. Faith focuses on the promise.)
- Faith establishes one's belief.
- Faith strengthens.
- Faith facilitates glorifying God.
- Faith retains confidence (convinces).
- Faith affirms the ableness of God.

#### **FACTOR POINTS**

**Worship**: I worship, through faith, the One Who has created me for His Divine purposes within the Kingdom of God.

**Learn**: Faith is facilitating opportunities for me to know the Lord is greater dimensions.

Serve: I live by faith. Therefore, I serve others through faith.