SESSION 3

[Receiving the Promise.]

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"Salvation is BELIEVING in Jesus and RECEIVING his free gift of Salvation."

Romans 4

¹ What did Abraham discover about being made right with God? ² If his good deeds had made him acceptable to God he would have had something to boast about.

But that was not God's way. ³ For the scriptures tell us,

"Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith."

- ⁴ When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they have earned. ⁵ But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners. ¹⁰ But how did this happen? Clearly, God accepted Abraham before he was circumcised.
 - So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift.

And we are certain to receive it . . . if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe.

Galatians 3

⁹ So all who put their faith in Christ Jesus share the same blessing Abraham received because of their faith.

"Salvation isn't something you ACHIEVE it's something you RECEIVE."

The Gift.

Romans 5

¹ Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have *peace* with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. ² Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved *privilege*, where we now stand, and we *confidently* and *joyfully* look forward to sharing God's glory.

¹¹ So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new *relationship* with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us *friends* of God.

Galatians 3

¹⁴ Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing he promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the promised *Holy Spirit* through Faith.

5 Gifts you Receive when you Believe.

- The gift of **JESUS** as the free, full, and final payment for your sin.
- 2. The gift of **FORGIVENESS** to cover your past, present, and future sins against God.
- 3. The gift of **RELATIONSHIP** with God as your father and friend.
- 4. The gift of **FAITH** that fills you with peace, hope, and joy.
- 5. The gift of God's **SPIRIT** within you.

"Salvation isn't a FEW things new - it's ALL things new."

God gave Abram a new NAME.

Genesis 17

When Abram was 99 years old, the LORD appeared to him and said,

"I am El-Shaddai - 'God Almighty.' Serve me faithfully and live a blameless life. ² I will make a covenant with you, by which I will guarantee to give you countless descendants." ³ At this, Abram fell down on the ground.

⁴ Then God said to him,

"This is my covenant with you: I will make you the father of a multitude of nations! ⁵ What's more, I am changing your name. It will no longer be Abram. Instead, you will be called Abraham, for you will be the father of many nations."

Q: What name would God give you if he gave you a NEW name?

HELLO: My Name Is

"Salvation isn't a new set of RULES it's a whole new RELATIONSHIP."

God gave Abram a new RELATIONSHIP.

Genesis 17

⁶ "I will make you extremely fruitful. Your descendants will become many nations, and kings will be among them! ⁷ I will confirm my covenant with you and your descendants after you, from generation to generation."

This is the everlasting covenant:

"I will always be your God and the God of your descendants after you. 8 And I will give the entire land of Canaan, where you now live as a foreigner, to you and your descendants. It will be their possession forever, and I will be their God."

Q: Who's doing "The Work" of Salvation?

"Salvation is BELIEVING in Jesus and RECEIVING his free gift of Salvation."

Q: Have you done that?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ I don't know

Q: Are you ready to say "YES" today?

Prayer of Salvation.

God - I've been telling you **NO** and today I'm saying **YES!**

I'm done making excuses. I'm done playing games. I'm done running and hiding. I'm done chasing anything other than YOU.

Today - I'm believing and receiving the free gift of JESUS as the full and final payment for my sin. I'm trusting in your good works not mine.

Thank you for being my father, my forgiver, my savior, and my friend. Thank you for taking my sin, shame, and guilt and replacing it with "All Things New."

Q: What's keeping you from saying "**YES**" to God?

Q: If you're not ready today - when will you be ready?

Q: Which one of these **gifts** do you need to open?

- ☐ **Salvation** through Jesus.
- ☐ **Forgiveness** of your sins.
- ☐ **Relationship** with God.
- ☐ **God's Peace** filling you with hope.
- ☐ **God's Spirit** living within you.