

HEBREWS 4:14-16

14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

ROMANS 5:1-5

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

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# THE BIG PICTURE

UNDERSTANDING THE STORYLINE OF GOD

## RELATING TO GOD

WHAT OUR HEARTS WERE DESIGNED FOR

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GENESIS 15:1

1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

GENESIS 18:18

18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

GENESIS 22:18

18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

GENESIS 26:4

4 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

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## THREE REALITIES

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## THREE COMMON THREADS

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ACTS 10:43

*43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.*

1 SAMUEL 17:46

*46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.*

JOHN 1:45

*45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.*

JOHN 5:39

*39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*

## 1. THE CAUSE—

EPHESIANS 2:8

*8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

ROMANS 3:23–24

*23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:*

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## 2. THE INSTRUMENT—

ROMANS 4:3–5

*3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. 4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. 5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.*

ACTS 15:9

*9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.*

ROMANS 1:17

*17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*

GALATIANS 3:26

*26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.*

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## 3. THE GROUNDS—

ROMANS 3:23–28

*23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. 27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.*

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