



# THE PROMISE

Romans 4



**<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.**

***Romans 4:13-15***



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**C. The law angers God.**

***Sinners cannot keep God's Law,  
but sinners can come to God's Son.***



**<sup>16</sup> 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, <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, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> 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.”**

***Romans 4:16-18***



**The promise of God brings dead things to life.**

**A. The promise rests in grace and is guaranteed.**

**B. God creates *EX NIHILO*.**

**C. God redeems *EX AGORAZO*.**

**But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”**

***Galatians 3:13 (NLT)***



**<sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.**

***Romans 4:19-21***





# The promise of God grows more convincing to those once convinced.

## A. The promise has no confidence in the flesh.

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.”  
<sup>10</sup> The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup> The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” <sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

*Genesis 18:9-15*



**The promise of God grows more convincing to those once convinced.**

**A. The promise has no confidence in the flesh.**

**B. The promise grows stronger in perseverance.**

**C. The promise is full of conviction.**

**I know God is.**

**I know God is able.**

**I know God is able to complete that which concerns me.**

**I know God is able to complete that which concerns me because He is faithful who has promised.**



**<sup>22</sup> That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.”**

**<sup>23</sup> But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup> who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.**

***Romans 4:22-25***



# **The promise of God settles the account of those who have faith in it.**

## **A. Faith deposits righteousness.**

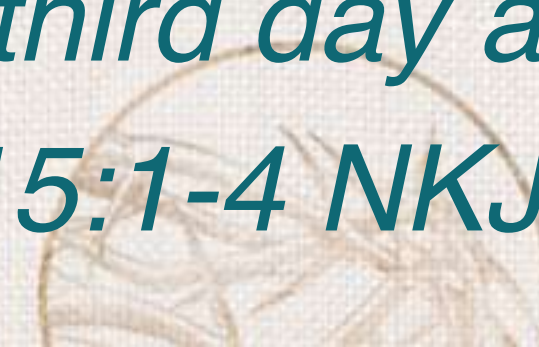
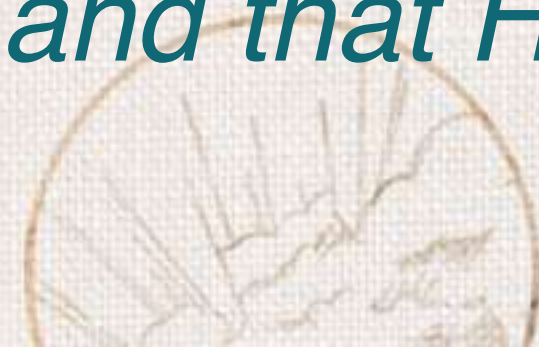
*Christ never sinned! But God treated him as a sinner, so Christ could make us acceptable to God. (2 Corinthians 5:21 CEV)*

## **B. Faith delivers salvation.**

*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (Ephesians 2:8 KJV)*

## **C. Faith delights in resurrection.**

*<sup>1</sup> Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, (1 Corinthians 15:1-4 NKJV)*





A dramatic landscape featuring three wooden crosses on a rocky, dark hill. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, with a bright, golden light breaking through near the horizon, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is somber and reflective.

**JESUS PAID IT ALL**