

#11 The Promise Realized Through Faith *Romans 4:13-25 (ESV)*

Romans 4:13 – 25 *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. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.*

¹⁶*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, ¹⁷as 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. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹He 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. ²⁰No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." ²³But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.*

Faith or the Law?

1. It is faith plus **NOTHING** that saves us. (Romans 4:13)
2. Reliance upon the law and our actions **NULLIFIES** faith and **VOIDS** God's promise to us (Romans 4:14) (Matthew 7:23)
3. The law sets the **STANDARD**. With no laws, there are no **LAWBREAKERS**.
4. We cannot **CLOSE THE GAP** without **FAITH**.

God's Promise to Abraham

1. God's promise to **ABRAHAM** is a promise to **US!** (Romans 4:16)
2. Abraham's faith was counted to him as **RIGHTEOUSNESS** and we are **BENEFACTORS**. (Romans 4:22-25)

A Life of Faith in Action

1. The **IMPOSSIBLE** is **POSSIBLE** with faith in God's Promise.
2. Abraham **BELIEVED** when there was no reason to **BELIEVE**. (Romans 4:18-19)
3. Our **FAITH** comes from **GOD**.
4. God tells us to **TRUST HIM** and why we should. (Matthew 6:25-33) (Romans 8:26-30)

An Incredible, Unfathomable, Unbelievable Exchange

1. Jesus **GAVE US EVERYTHING** in exchange for our **RUBBISH** (Romans 4:25, Isaiah 64:6)

*Is your rubbish a prize?
Do you still need to make the trade?
Put EVERYTHING into your faith in God!*