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The Promise by Faith in Jesus Christ

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Luke 1:46-55

46 And Mary said:

“My soul exalts the Lord,

47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

48 “For He has had regard for the humble state of His bonds slave;

For behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed.

49 “For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name.

50 “AND HIS MERCY IS UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.”

Luke 1:46-55

51 “He has done mighty deeds with His arm;
He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of
their heart.

52 “He has brought down rulers from their thrones,
And has exalted those who were humble.

53 “HE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS;
And sent away the rich empty-handed.

54 “He has given help to Israel His servant,
In remembrance of His mercy,

55 As He spoke to our fathers,

To Abraham and his descendants forever.”

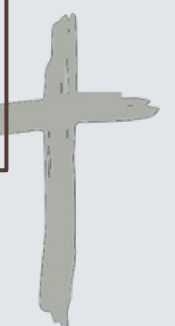
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Galatians 3:6 Even so Abraham BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. **7** Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. (Genesis 15:6)

Point #1: Being made right with God on the basis of faith goes all the way back to Abraham.



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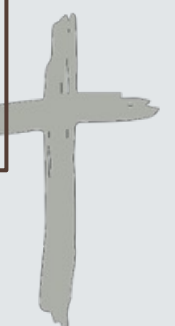
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Galatians 3:8 The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU." **9** So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer. (Genesis 12:3)

Point #2: Gentiles from among the nations are made right with God on the basis of faith and are blessed with Abraham.

Faith —> Abraham (Israel) —> Gentiles



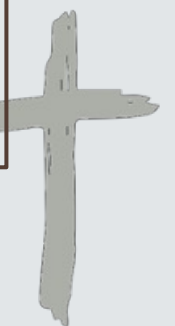
Galatians 3:15 Brethren, I speak in terms of human relations: even though it is only a man's covenant, yet when it has been ratified, no one sets it aside or adds conditions to it. **16** Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ. **17** What I am saying is this: the Law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not invalidate a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. **18** For if the inheritance is based on law, it is no longer based on a promise; but God has granted it to Abraham by means of a promise.

- Faith is Abraham's response to God's promise and becomes the foundation of our relationship to God.



Galatians 3:19 Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, **until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made.** **20** Now a mediator is not for one party only; whereas God is only one.

- The law revealed transgressions until Christ came (and then the Spirit would convict the world concerning sin as revealed in Jn. 16:8).



Galatians 3:21 Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law. **22** But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that **the promise by faith in Jesus Christ** might be given to those who believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. **24** Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

- The law was never intended to impart life. However, the promise of life comes by faith in Jesus Christ.

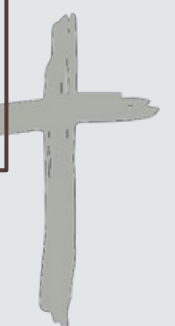
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1 Peter 1:22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, 23 for you have been born again not of **seed** which is perishable but **imperishable,** that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

- Our relationship with God is life-giving & results in a sincere love.



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We are all sinners.

We all need Jesus. (One Lord)

We all need each other. (One family)

The world needs the gospel. (One hope)

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1. **Live in His love & live out His love.**
2. **Think big** about the vastness of God's majesty, the opportunity for global impact and the longevity of generations.

