

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

What does Abraham have to do with us?

We are heirs of the promise given to Abraham!

¹³ For the promise to Abraham or to his seed that they would be heirs of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if those who are of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified; ¹⁵ for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason *it is* by faith, in order that *it may be* in accordance with grace, so that the promise may be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

(Romans 4:13-16)

The Promise Guaranteed

1. The Promise – “Heirs of the World”

- the promise to Abraham has its fulfillment in the inheritance of the new heavens and new earth, the “New Jerusalem” (cf. Rev. 21:1-2)
- Abraham and all his seed (Gentiles and Jews by faith) are heirs of the promise (cf. Gal. 3:29)

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2. The Means – “not through the Law”

- keeping the Law is not the means of inheriting the promise
- if the promise was through law-keeping, it would be nullified because of the inherent impossibility of any person keeping the Law
- the Law turns sin into transgression meriting God’s wrath (cf. Rom. 5:20)

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3. The Means – through faith alone

- inheriting the promise is through faith that it might be entirely of grace
- it is entirely of grace that the promise might be guaranteed to all the seed of Abraham

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- Inheriting the promise is by grace through faith and not based on anything we do!