

Merry Christmas: Receive all of God's Promised Gifts Today (Romans 4:13-25)

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(13) 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. (14) For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. (15) For 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, (17) 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.

(18) 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." (19) 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.

(20) No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, (21) fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. (22) That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." (23) But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, (24) but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, (25) who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Practical Application

1. Christmas is all about Jesus! It's good news for the ungodly. Receive Jesus, receive the good news.
2. All of God's promises are good and they are guaranteed to those who trust in God.
3. You will inherit the entire world, Christian believer. You have a glorious inheritance. Receive your inheritance.
4. Receive the gift of God's promises today.
5. Receive the gift of faith today.
6. Receive the gift of the law. See your sin, guilt, and need for a Savior. Then receive the gift of forgiveness in Jesus.
7. Receive the gift of God's presence both now and forever.
8. Receive the gift of both temporal and eternal life.
9. Receive the gift of God's supernatural power.
10. God gives those with nothing everything, and He even gives them Himself. Receive the gift of God today.
11. Receive the gift of hope in the face of seemingly hopeless situations.
12. Grow in faith today.
13. Rather than looking in the mirror or around you for hope, God wants you to look up to Him. Look up today.
14. You do not have to be controlled by unbelief.
15. You can bring glory to God in whatever situation you find yourself in.
16. You can be convinced that God will do all He has promised to do. Believe God's promises today.
17. Receive the gift of righteousness through Christ today.
18. Jesus paid for our sins on the cross and was raised from the grave for our justification & right standing before God.
19. Receive the gift of salvation, faith, grace, justification, righteousness, eternal life, the world, and God's Son today!

Announcements

- Global Missions Christmas Offering (Lottie Moon): \$5,000 Goal. Please be praying about how God might use you to impact the people of the world, especially those have never heard of Jesus Christ.
- Christmas Breakfast: Sunday, December 24th at 9am. All are welcome!
- No Wednesday Night Awana & Adult Bible Study (6:30-7:30): Will not meet again until January 10th.
- New Members Class: Join us on Sunday, February 4th right after worship (12-1). Lunch is provided.
- Church business meeting: Today, December 17th (12-12:30).