



Weekly Devotion

Weekly Devotion for May 20 ***The Promises of God***

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“And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.”

– ***Galatians 3:29***

The Old Testament brings us promises made by God to Abraham and his offspring found in Genesis and by God through Moses found in Exodus. God promised Abraham that his descendants would become a great nation, be given a homeland, and through them all the families of the earth would be blessed.

Six hundred years later, God gave commandments (the Law) to the people through Moses to provide a guide for living and to restore the relationship with God that He intended from the beginning. The “Law” became a disciplinarian for the people, and 1,400 years later, it was being strictly officiated by Pharisees.

Along comes the New Testament, and we see a shift from “Law” to “Grace” brought about by Jesus, the Son of the Living God. Through faith in Jesus and his teachings, we find a new way of living.

As children of God, Jesus tells us we are called to a new command – to love God and to love our neighbors. We are challenged to see our neighbors also as children of God and for all to live as heirs of God’s promises. Through Jesus’ teachings, we are instructed to act in ways of love and to preach forgiveness through the grace of God.

Through the Gospel, we become a beautiful example that the people of all nations will follow and receive God’s blessings.

Journaling:

How does understanding ourselves as *heirs of God’s promises* through faith in Christ change the way we love, forgive, and view others as part of God’s family?

