



**21 Fellowship, SBC - Midway, TX**  
**Dr. Simon Goncharenko**

**September 1, 2013**  
**“Believe Like Abraham”**  
**Romans 4:13-25**

- I. The inheritance comes **not** through the law – vv. 13-15.
- II. The inheritance is **given** through the righteousness by faith – vv. 16-25.
  - A. Faith is the channel through which **all** can inherit the Abrahamic blessing – v. 16.
  - B. Abraham – the father of many nations and the **example** for us all – vv. 17-22.
    - i. Of **faith** in God who makes the dead alive and creates anew – v. 17.
    - ii. Of believing in **hope** against hope with the result of fathering many nations – v. 18.
    - iii. Of not allowing his present **impossibilities** to affect his faith – v. 19.
    - iv. Of not **wavering** in unbelief about God’s promise, but being strengthened in faith – v. 20.
    - v. Of giving **glory** to God (rather than giving up on Him) – v. 20.
    - vi. Of being fully convinced that God could do what He promised to do – v. 21. (b/c of his understanding of God)
    - vii. Of the kind of faith that was **credited** as righteousness – v. 22.
  - C. The promise to Abraham and his example was given for the sake of all **Christians** – vv. 23-25.
    - i. Our faith in God who raised **Jesus** from the dead will be credited to us – v. 24.
    - ii. The **content** of our faith is to include Christ’s substitutionary atoning death and His justifying resurrection – v. 25.

**The Big Idea:** The **inheritance** in Abrahamic promise comes **not** through the law but through righteousness **given** by grace on account of our **faith**.