

# Receiving the Promise.

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## Genesis 15

<sup>6</sup> And Abram ***believed the LORD***, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith.

**The Problem:** *Many of us say we're BELIEVERS but we don't know WHAT we believe or HOW to be right with God.*

***"God has clearly shown us how to be right with him by BELIEVING and RECEIVING the free gift of salvation through Jesus alone."***

## Believing.

### Romans 3

<sup>10</sup> No one is righteous - not even one. <sup>20</sup> No one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. <sup>21</sup> But now ***God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law.***

<sup>22</sup> We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who **believes**, no matter who we are. <sup>23</sup> For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. <sup>24</sup> Yet God, with undeserved Kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty of sins. <sup>25</sup> For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for our sin. ***People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.***

<sup>26</sup> God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he declares sinners to be right in his sight when they believe in Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. ***It is based on faith.***

## 5 Truths you must BELIEVE to be a Christian.

1. God is PERFECT and I am not.
2. My GOOD works will never be good enough to make me right with God.
3. My BAD works will never be bad enough to keep me from God's Mercy and Kindness.
4. God's JUSTICE requires payment for my sin.
5. God's LOVE provided the full and final payment for my sin through Jesus alone.

***"Salvation is based on  
BELIEF not BEHAVIOR."***

**Q: Which of the 5 truths is EASY for you to believe?**

**Q: Which of the 5 truths is HARD for you to believe?**

*Where are you right now on your Faith journey?*



# Receiving.

## Romans 4

<sup>1</sup> What did Abraham discover about being made right with God? <sup>2</sup> If his good deeds had made him acceptable to God he would have had something to boast about. But that was not God's way. <sup>3</sup> For the scriptures tell us, "*Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.*"

<sup>4</sup> When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they have earned. <sup>5</sup> But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who *forgives sinners*.

<sup>9</sup> We have been saying that Abraham was counted as righteous because of his faith. <sup>10</sup> But how did this happen? Was he counted as righteous only after he was circumcised, or was it before he was circumcised? Clearly, *God accepted Abraham before he was circumcised!*

<sup>11</sup> Circumcision was a sign that Abraham already had faith and that God had already accepted him and declared him righteous - even before he was circumcised.

<sup>16</sup> ***So the promise is received by faith.***

***It is given as a free gift.***

And we are certain to receive it . . . if we have faith like Abraham's. For *Abraham is the father of all who believe*.

## Romans 5

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have *peace with God* because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. <sup>2</sup> Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege, where we now stand, and we *confidently* and *joyfully* look forward to sharing God's glory.

<sup>11</sup> So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us *friends of God*.

## 5 Gifts you RECEIVE the moment you Believe.

1. The gift of JESUS as the free, full, and final payment for my sin.
2. The gift of FORGIVENESS to cover my past, present, and future sins against God.
3. The gift of ADOPTION into God's family.
4. The gift of RELATIONSHIP with God as my Heavenly Father and Friend.
5. The gift of FAITH that fills me with Peace, Hope, and Joy.

***"Salvation isn't something you ACHIEVE  
it's something you RECEIVE."***

**Q: Which one of the 5 Gifts do you RECEIVE the moment you Believe in Jesus?**

- Jesus
- Forgiveness
- Adoption
- Relationship
- Faith