

By His Stripes

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The promise cannot be earned and it belongs to me.

Galatians 3:29 (NIV) – ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Heirs earn nothing. The promise is received by faith.

Galatians 3:13-14 (NIV) – ¹³ Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." ¹⁴ He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

The Will of God must be known to pray in Faith. Faith begins where the will of God is known.

I John 5:14-15 (NIV) – ¹⁴ This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us — whatever we ask — we know that we have what we asked of him.

I am commanded to walk in the step of Abraham's faith.

Romans 4:12 (NKJV) – ¹² and [Abraham is] the father of circumcision [*The Jew*] to those who not only are of the circumcision [*The Gentile*], but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised.

Genesis 17:3-5,15-16 (NIV) – ³ Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, ⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵ No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.

¹⁵ God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. ¹⁶ I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

Romans 4:17-21 (NKJV/KJV) – ¹⁷ (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed — God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; ¹⁸ who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹ And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ He did not waver at the promise of God through

unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,²¹ and being fully convinced and persuaded that what He had promised He was also able to perform.