

# Now Faith Is 4

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### **Faith to Receive the Blessings of God**

- God's grace and mercy DEMAND a response, and that response is called FAITH!
- Anything we obtain from the hand of God we receive **by grace, through faith**.
- Faith receives the past-tense redemptive work of Jesus.

**Ephesians 2:8-9** – <sup>8</sup> For it is **by grace** you have been saved, **through faith**—and this **not from yourselves**, it is **the gift of God**- <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

Grace is God's goodness, favor, and mercy toward us when we have done NOTHING to merit or deserve it!

Faith is our response to His grace, which established His will.

Faith simply believes the goodness of God in any given arena of life.

Faith must be exercised in order to appropriate the provisions of Grace.

### **The Faith of Abraham**

Walk in Abraham's steps of faith. **Romans 4:12**

**The Promise comes by faith and is by grace that it might be available to all!**

**Romans 4:16** - Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring-not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.

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**God commands Abraham and Sarah to do the same, and they call themselves what He has called them.**

**Genesis 17:5,15-16** – <sup>5</sup> No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.  
<sup>15</sup> God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. <sup>16</sup> 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 4:18-21** – <sup>18</sup> Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>19</sup> Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. <sup>20</sup> Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

**Galatians 3:29** – **And if you belong to Christ, then are you ABRAHAM'S SEED AND HEIRS ACCORDING TO THE PROMISE. Or IF YOU BELONG TO CHRIST, THEN YOU ARE INDEED ABRAHAM'S CHILDREN. THE PROMISED INHERITANCE IS YOURS!**