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“THE PROMISE SECURED BY FAITH”

ROMANS 4:13-25



Where do we find certainty in an uncertain world? The answer is not found in our efforts, achievements, or ability to keep God's law. Our hope rests entirely in the promises of God and the finished work of Jesus Christ.

In Romans 4:13-25, the Apostle Paul points us to Abraham, the great patriarch of faith, who believed God's promises even when circumstances seemed impossible. Abraham's righteousness was not earned through works but received through faith in the God who keeps His word. Through this example, Paul reminds us that salvation has always been by grace through faith.

As we gather for worship today, we will consider the certainty of God's promises, the strength of faith that rests upon His character, and the glorious truth that Jesus Christ was delivered for our trespasses and raised for our justification. The God who called Abraham, fulfilled His covenant promises, and raised Christ from the dead remains faithful today. Therefore, all who trust in Him can rest securely in His grace and rejoice in the salvation He has accomplished.



DOES MAN HAVE A FREE WILL?

“The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.”

Romans 8:7

Man, created in God’s image, possesses a mind, a heart, and a will. The mind, or intellect, allows him to think rationally, not by sheer instinct like an animal. The heart, or emotion, enables him to feel, unlike a robot or machine, human experience. The will, or volition, enables him to make decisions and choices that have moral consequences. It is his capacity for action, a capacity that allows him to choose this over that and those instead of these.

In his unfallen state, man was good and very good. The fall, however, affected every part of man’s being. Man’s mind, by virtue of his fallen nature was darkened, incapable of understanding the things of the Spirit of God (Ephesians 4:18; 1 Corinthians 2:14). Further, his emotions are now deceptive and untrustworthy (Jeremiah 17:9) and his will, that is, his ability to choose good over evil and right over wrong, is bound. The 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith reads,

“Man, by his fall into a state of sin, hath wholly lost all ability of will to any spiritual good accompanying salvation, so as a natural man, being altogether averse from that good, and dead in sin, is not able by his own strength to commit himself, or to prepare himself thereto.”

So, is man free? If by the word “free” one means that people have the ability to make certain choices on their own (i.e. free from compulsion, force, or coercion), then the answer is “yes.” For example, people have the ability to choose to go to the store or stay home, to buy a newspaper or not, to eat beef or to eat fish, etc.; such choices are within the natural capacity of human beings. People are free to act according to their nature.

If by the word “free”, however, one means free without any limitation, then the answer is “no.” People are not free to act contrary to their nature. I cannot choose to fly. Yes, I can choose to travel by airplane, but I cannot choose to sprout wings or become a bird. My will, you see, is not entirely free. It is bound by the limits of my nature. We do not have the freedom to be anything we are not.

Man, in other words, is not free to act outside the boundaries of his human nature. He cannot live the life of a fish in the ocean or fly like a bird in the air without external resources enabling him to duplicate his natural environment. Just as that is true on a natural level, it is also true on a spiritual level. In his fallen state, man cannot choose to be righteous. The Ethiopian cannot by his own sheer willpower, change the color of his skin, nor the leopard his spots. Neither can those whose nature is depraved voluntarily do good (Jeremiah 13:23). Man’s will is enslaved to his sinful nature. Left to himself, his only capacity is fleshly.

Unregenerate people are not free to choose righteousness or wickedness; they are, on the contrary, “free from righteousness” (Romans 6:20). By nature, man’s will is a “will not” (Psalm 10:4; Psalm 58:3; John 5:40; Isaiah 26:10). His only inclination is toward carnality. The natural man will never choose anything but sin, because he cannot operate outside the parameters of his sinful nature (Romans 8:7). The nature of man’s will is not free.

Not until his mind is changed does he have the desire or the capacity to choose righteousness. Prior to God’s work of regeneration in the soul, therefore, man’s will is bound by sin. In regeneration, the fallen sinner is made “willing in the day of God’s power” (Psalm 110:3). He is given a renewed mind capable of responding to God. Because the old man is not eradicated, however, a warfare between the Spirit and the flesh ensues (Romans 7) – requiring deliberate and decisive efforts of the will for righteousness (Romans 6:11-23). In other words, the believer must choose, every day, between the options of serving sin or righteousness (Joshua 24:15; Romans 6:13). With such a conflict facing us, we should be glad that the Holy Spirit will continue to work within us “both to will and to do His good pleasure” (Philippians 2:13).

Because man’s will, apart from the new birth, is bound, it is incapable of choosing eternal life. Man’s only hope of eternal life, then, is rooted in God’s initiative and choice. Salvation, in other words, depends on God’s choice, not mine, and upon His sovereign will, not man’s fallen will (John 1:13; Romans 9:16; Ephesians 1:5,11; Hebrews 10:10). That, my friend, is a firm foundation!

The Church at Worship
Sunday June 7, 2025
11:30 AM



Announcements

Call to Worship

Pastoral Prayer.....Keith Boothe

#Hymn 181 “In Christ Alone”

Psalm Reading Greg Flannery

#Hymn 602 “Precious Lord Take My Hand”

Sermon Jason Boothe

Hymn 422 “The Blood that Jesus Shed for Me”

Closing Prayer Keith Boothe

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Preaching By
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GOD ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES

ROMANS 4:13-25



"Fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised."

Romans 4:21

Have you ever had to wait a long time for something? Maybe you were waiting for your birthday, Christmas morning, or a special trip. Waiting can be hard, especially when it feels like the day will never come!

In our Bible passage this week, we learn about a man named Abraham. God made Abraham a wonderful promise. God told him that he would become the father of many nations. The problem was that Abraham and his wife Sarah were very old and did not have any children.

From a human point of view, God's promise seemed impossible. Yet Abraham trusted God. He believed that God would do exactly what He said. Abraham knew something very important: God always keeps His promises. Years passed, but God did not forget His word. Just as He promised, God gave Abraham and Sarah a son named Isaac. God's promise came true because God is faithful.

The greatest promise God has ever kept is the promise of Jesus. God sent His Son to save sinners. Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead so that everyone who trusts in Him can have eternal life.

When life is difficult, we can remember what Abraham learned. We can trust God's promises because God never fails. He is always good, always powerful, and always faithful. The same God who kept His promise to Abraham keeps every promise He has made to His children today.

Let's Pray

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for always keeping Your promises. Thank You for sending Jesus to save us from our sins. Help us to trust You even when we cannot see what You are doing. Teach us to believe Your Word and follow You each day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Think About It

1. What promise did God make to Abraham?
2. Did God keep His promise?
3. What is the greatest promise God has given us through Jesus?

Family Challenge

This week, make a list of three promises God has made in the Bible. Read them together as a family and thank God for His faithfulness. Every time you see a rainbow, a starry sky, or a cross, remember that God always keeps His promises.

GOD'S PROMISE SECURED BY FAITH

ROMANS 4:13-25

The promise to Abraham did not come through the law but through the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** of **FAITH.**

ROMANS 4:13

He believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations...
ROMANS 4:18

GOD GIVES
LIFE TO THE DEAD

and CALLS INTO
EXISTENCE

THE THINGS THAT
DO NOT EXIST.
ROMANS 4:17

THE LAW BRINGS WRATH,
BUT WHERE THERE IS
NO LAW THERE IS
NO TRANSGRESSION.

ROMANS 4:15

IT WAS COUNTED
TO HIM AS
RIGHTEOUSNESS.

ROMANS 4:22

It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead—who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

ROMANS 4:24-25

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

BLESSING BOX FOOD BANK

HELP OUR COMMUNITY!



DONATE CANNED GOODS!

-  Canned Fruits & Vegetables
-  Soups & Stews
-  Pasta & Rice (optional boxed item listed for completeness)
-  Canned Meats & Fish
-  Canned Soups
- Canned Meats
-  Canned Beans
-  Canned Pasta/Spaghetti Sauce.

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