

IN HOPE, AGAINST HOPE

Romans 4:13–25

Trust in THE LAW produces WRATH, not HEIRS (vv. 13–15)

Trust in God's FAITHFULNESS produces STRONG FAITH (vv. 16–22)

Faith in God CREDITS us with a FOREIGN RIGHTEOUSNESS (vv. 23–25)



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. How does our culture typically use the word “hope?” How does that usage differ from the Biblical use of the word? Hebrews 11:1, 1 Peter 1:13, Ephesians 1:18
2. What does it mean to you that the promise to Abraham (from Genesis 15:1-6) was not actuated through the law (or works, or circumcision)? What are the implications of that? Is the law useless or worthless? Romans 2:23-24, Romans 3:20, Romans 4:15, Matthew 5:17-20
3. Is there a difference between a sin and a transgression? If so, what are some Biblical examples? What are some “modern” examples?
4. How is the promise able to rest upon grace if it is fulfilled through faith (verse 16)? How would grace be reduced if it was not dependent on faith?
5. What were the problems that Abraham had to look past in order to believe God's promise? What are the problems that you have to look past in your life in order to believe the promises that God has given? Do you believe that God is capable of fulfilling His promises? (Some Promises: John 3:16, John 16:33, Psalm 37:23-24, Matthew 11:28-29, Philippians 4:7, 2 Corinthians 5:17. (Some passages on) God's Capability: Daniel 4:35, Ephesians 1:11, Psalm 115:3, Psalm 135:6
6. What does it mean to be counted/credited with a foreign righteousness? Where does this righteousness come from? Philippians 3:4-10

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

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