

THE HEIR OF THE WORLD

We are currently studying a series entitled, **Justification by Faith**, taken from Romans 4-5.

Paul teaches **Justification by Faith** through the Abrahamic Covenant in the Book of Galatians, chapters 3-4 (Gal. 3:6-9) (**Gen.15:6**) and in the Book of Romans, chapters 4-5 (Rom.4:3-5) (**Gen.15:6**).

(Rom.4:3) “For what does the Scriptures say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.’” (Gen.15:6)

Five aspects of a Promise of the Abrahamic Covenant taught by Paul

(Rom.4:13) “For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be **the heir of world** (to kleronomos kosmos) was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.”

1. Paul followed the same outline of messianic history as Matthew recorded it in (Matt.1:1-17) to teach the doctrine of The Heir of the World in (Rom.4:13).

(Matt.1:1) “The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.”

Matthew traced The Heir of the World of the Abrahamic Covenant through the genealogy of Jesus Christ. He traced it from **Abraham through David’s son, Solomon** (Matt.1:6) to Joseph, descendant of Jacob in (Matt.1:16) who was betrothed to Mary (Matt.1:1-17).

2. Luke’s genealogy traced The Heir of the World from the First Adam to the Last Adam (Luke 3:22-38).

(Gal.3:16) “And to your seed, that is, Christ.”

(1 Cor.15:45) “So also, it is written, ‘The first man, Adam (Luke 3:38), became a living soul (Gen.2:7).’ The last Adam (Luke 3:22-23) became a life-giving spirit.” (1 Cor.15:49)

The genealogy of **The Heir of the World** during the Antediluvian period of human history passed from the first Adam through the Sethites, and to the Shemites (Noah and the Flood) (Gen.6-9) (Luke 3:36-38).

In the Postdiluvian period, it was passed through Abraham to David’s son, Nathan (Luke 3:31-36), then on through Nathan to Eli, the father-in-law of Joseph who was betrothed to Mary (Luke 3:22-31).

3. The promise of The Heir of the World expanded across biblical history to OUR SEED, JESUS CHRIST. This teaches the Faithfulness of God to His Plan.

(1 Cor.1:9) “God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

(1 Thess.5:24) “**Faithful is He** who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.”

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(Gal.4:4-7) “But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. **Because you are sons**, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’”

4. **Under the New Covenant, every person who believes that Jesus Christ died for their sins, was buried, and on the third day raised, conquering sin and death, receives God’s justification by faith (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).**

(Rom.4:24-25) “But for our sake also, to whom it **will be credited, as those who believe in Him** who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, He who was delivered over because of our transgressions (Adam’s Original Sin), and was raised because of our justification”.

(Rom.8:16-17) “The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him (Phil.1:29) so that we may also be glorified with Him.”

5. **Paul makes an important doctrinal point regarding our Spiritual Heirship.**

(Rom.4:14-15) “For if those who are of the **Law are heirs**, faith is made void (kenoo/ perf.p.ind.3ps) and the promise is nullified (katargeo/ perf.p.ind.3ps), for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, there is no violation.”

Prior to the Law, there was still the 13 judicial charges Adam’s Original Sin to be removed by Grace Salvation and Justification by faith (Rom.5:12-21) (1 Cor.15:22) (Gen.2:16-17).

(Gal.3:8) “The Scriptures **foreseeing** that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel **beforehand** to Abraham, saying, ‘All the nations will be blessed in you.’”

(Gal.3:16-17) ¹⁶ Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as referring to many, but rather to one, “And to your seed,” that is, Christ. ¹⁷ What I am saying is this: the Law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not invalidate a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise.

(Gen.12:3) “And I will bless those who bless you,
And the one who curses you I will curse.
And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”