# Receiving the Promise.

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#### **Genesis 15**

<sup>6</sup> And Abram <u>believed the LORD</u>, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith.

**The Problem:** Many of us say we're **BELIEVERS** but we don't know **WHAT** we believe or **HOW** to be right with God.

"God has clearly shown us how to be right with him by BELIEVING and RECEIVING the free gift of salvation through Jesus alone."

## Believing.

#### Romans 3

<sup>10</sup> No one is righteous - not even one. <sup>20</sup> No one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. <sup>21</sup> But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law.

<sup>22</sup> We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who **believes**, no matter who we are. <sup>23</sup> For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. <sup>24</sup> Yet God, with undeserved Kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty of sins. <sup>25</sup> For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for our sin. *People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood*.

<sup>26</sup> God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he declares sinners to be right in his sight when they believe in Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. *It is based on faith*.

### 5 Truths you must BELIEVE to be a Christian.

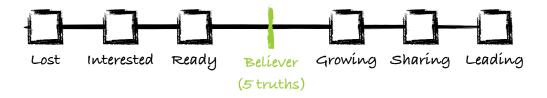
- 1. God is PERFECT and I am not.
- My GOOD works will never be good enough to make me right with God.
- 3. My <u>BAD</u> works will never be bad enough to keep me from God's Mercy and Kindness.
- 4. God's <u>JUSTICE</u> requires payment for my sin.
- 5. God's <u>LOVE</u> provided the full and final payment for my sin through Jesus alone.

"Salvation is based on BELIEF not BEHAVIOR."

Q: Which of the 5 truths is EASY for you to believe?

Q: Which of the 5 truths is HARD for you to believe?

Where are you right now on your Faith journey?



## Receiving.

### Romans 4

- <sup>1</sup> What did Abraham discover about being made right with God? <sup>2</sup> If his good deeds had made him acceptable to God he would have had something to boast about. But that was not God's way. <sup>3</sup> For the scriptures tell us, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith."
- <sup>4</sup> When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they have earned. <sup>5</sup> But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who *forgives sinners*.
- <sup>9</sup> We have been saying that Abraham was counted as righteous because of his faith. <sup>10</sup> But how did this happen? Was he counted as righteous only after he was circumcised, or was it before he was circumcised? Clearly, *God accepted Abraham before he was circumcised*!
- <sup>11</sup> Circumcision was a sign that Abraham already had faith and that God had already accepted him and declared him righteous even before he was circumcised.
- So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift.

And we are certain to receive it . . . if we have faith like Abraham's. For *Abraham is the father of all who believe*.

### **Romans 5**

- <sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have *peace with God* because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. <sup>2</sup> Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege, where we now stand, and we *confidently* and *joyfully* look forward to sharing God's glory.
- <sup>11</sup> So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us *friends of God*.

### 5 Gifts you RECEIVE the moment you Believe.

1.	The gift of <u>JESUS</u> as the free,	
	full, and final payment for my si	n.

- 2. The gift of <u>FORGIVENESS</u> to cover my past, present, and future sins against God.
- 3. The gift of ADOPTION into God's family.
- 4. The gift of <u>RELATIONSHIP</u> with God as my Heavenly Father and Friend.
- 5. The gift of <u>FAITH</u> that fills me with Peace, Hope, and Joy.

"Salvation isn't something you ACHIEVE it's something you RECEIVE."

Q: Which one of the 5 Gifts do you RECEIVE the moment you Believe in Jesus?

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