

**"ABRAHAM OBTAINED GOD'S PROMISE APART FROM LAW"
ROMANS 4:13-17**

I. GOD HAD MADE A PROMISE(S) TO ABRAHAM (4:13)

- A. Some Background On The Promises Of God
 - 1. Conditional Promises
 - 2. Unconditional Promises
- B. The Promise(s) God Made To Abraham Were Unconditional

II. WHY THE PROMISE COULD NOT BE OBTAINED BY THE LAW (4:14-15)

- A. Faith Would Have No Value (4:14a)
- B. The Promise Would Be Worthless (4:14b)
- C. Law Can Produce Nothing But Wrath (4:15)

III. WHY THE PROMISE HAD TO BE OBTAINED BY FAITH (4:16-17)

- A. Faith Establishes Grace (4:16a)
- B. The Faith/Grace Combination Renders Our Salvation Certain (4:16b)
- C. Faith Opens The Door To All People Groups Of All Time (4:16c-17)

"HOW PAUL HAS BEEN "MOWIN EM" DOWN"

ROMANS 3:27-31

Faith Excludes The Boasting That Would Naturally Come About By Trying To Secure Salvation through A **Works** System (**3:27-28**)

The Faith System Excludes No One. The **Circumcision** Excluded Everyone. (**3:29-30**)

Faith Does Not Render The **Law** Null And Void. It Actually Establishes Its Necessity (**3:31**)

ROMANS 4

Historically, Everyone Who Has Ever Been Justified Has Been Justified By Faith And Not **Works** (**4:1-8**)

Salvation Is Not By Ceremony. **Circumcision** Was Nothing More Than An External Symbol Which Pointed To A Supposed Internal Reality (**4:9-12**)

Abraham Obtained The Promise Of God By Faith Apart From Any **Law** Principle Because Though Faith Establishes The Necessity Of The Law, The Principle Of Law Makes Faith Null And Void (**4:13-17**)