

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)

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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)