# BELIEVE UNTIL YOU RECEIVE ROMANS 4:12-22

#### **REVIEW**

#### **PRAY WITH CONFIDENCE**

#### 1. YOU HAVE BEEN MADE RIGHTEOUS BY FAITH

2 Corinthians 5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!
2 Corinthians 5:21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be <u>made right</u> with God through Christ

### 2. YOU HAVE TO FIGHT USING THE PROMISES THAT YOU HAVE RE-CEIVED!

2 Corinthians 7:1 Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God.

1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses.

### 3. YOU HAVE TO PRAY WITH CONFIDENCE BECAUSE OF RIGHT-EOUSNESS

1 John 5:14 And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him.

15 And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.

Ephesians 6:13 Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

Ephesians 6:14 Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness.

- **@. YOU HEAR ME WHEN I PRAY**
- @. YOU PROTECT MY HEART WHEN I PRAY
- **@. YOU EXPECT ME TO STAND WHEN I PRAY**

#### **TODAYS TEXT**

Ro 4:12 and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised. 13 For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if those who are of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified; 15 for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, there also is no violation. 16 For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, 17 (as it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist. 18 In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, "SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE." 19 Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; 20 yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform, 22 Therefore IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHT-**EOUSNESS** 

#### THE PROMISE IS BASED ON HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

13 For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.

HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS NOT YOURS

YOU ARE AN HEIR NOT A MISTAKE

**FAITH AND FACT NOT FEELINGS** 

#### THE PROMISE CARRIES A GUARANTEE BY GRACE

16 For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, ......

IF GRACE IS GOOD THE PROMISE IS GOOD

**GRACE MEANS GIFT** 

**LIFE TIME GUARANTEE** 

#### THE PROMISE IS BIGGER THAN WHAT EXISTS

17 (as it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.

UNDERSTANDING CREATION STORY

SOMETHING OUT OF NOTHING IS HOW HE ROLLS

HE DOESN'T NEED GOOD INGREDIENTS

# THE PROMISE REQUIRES US TO HOPE WHEN THERE IS NO REASON TO!

Romans 4:17 That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.

Romans 4:18 Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, "That's how many descendants you will have!"

(NLT)

PRAY UNTIL YOU SEE IT

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## YOU SPEAK IT UNTIL YOU SEE IT