

The Heart of the Gospel

ROMANS



The Work Of Faith

Romans 4:16-25, August 27, 2017, Pastor Bill Russell

☞ THE _____ NATURE OF FAITH:

☞ THE GOAL OF FAITH: Faith is intended to _____ us.

TODAY'S BIG IDEA

WHAT GOD CAN ACCOMPLISH THROUGH HIS POWER AND PERSON IS BEYOND HUMAN COMPREHENSION! YET IT IS FAITH THAT BRINGS THE HUMBLING REALITY OF GOD'S POWER AND PERSON TO LIFE IN US. OUR FAITH REVEALS THE POWER AND PERSON OF GOD AT WORK, IN US, THROUGH US AND FOR US.

☞ IT ALL DEPENDS ON FAITH [V16]

#1 The Promise (GOSPEL) is of faith which results in _____.

#2 _____ can be saved from Adam to Abraham To Moses to us.


☞ TWO WAYS THAT FAITH HUMBLER US

I. Faith accomplishes _____!

II. Faith accomplishes _____!

A. God gives us Something to _____. [V17, 24-25]

v 17. In the presence of the God in WHOM He believed

 **The Promise = _____**

■ ■ He is the God of _____! (He gives life to the Dead.)


■ ■ He is the God of _____! [Psalm 33:6]

(He calls into existence that which doesn't exist.)

**ONLY GOD CAN RESURRECT WHAT'S DEAD
AND CREATE SOMETHING FROM NOTHING!**

B. God gives us Something to _____ . [V18-21]

v 18. In hope he believed against hope...

 **The Promise = _____**

■ ■ In order to live for the **PROMISE**
I must look beyond my _____.


■ ■ In order to live for the **PROMISE**
I must learn to _____ . [Ps 121:1-2]

■ ■ In order to live for the **PROMISE** I must aim for _____ . [Tit 2:11-14]

ONLY GOD CAN GIVE US HOPE WHERE THERE SEEMS TO BE NONE!

C. God gives us Something to _____ . [V22-25]

v23 ...the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone,

 **The Promise = _____**

⚙ **We stand on our _____ . [Col 1:21-23]**

⚙ **We stand on God's _____ . [Heb 6:17-19]**

**ONLY GOD CAN KEEP HIS WORD TO PERFECTION!
HE CANNOT LIE!**

 **Going Deeper:**

■ ■ _____ always comes through _____.

Romans 4:16 ESV

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

Romans 4:17 ESV

17 as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Romans 4:24-25 ESV

24 ...It (righteousness) will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, 25 who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Psalms 33:6 ESV

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

Romans 4:18-21 ESV

18 In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20 No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Psalms 121:1-2 ESV

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Titus 2:11-14 ESV

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 **waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ**, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Romans 4:18-24 ESV

22 That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” 23 But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, 24 but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, 25 who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

(18 as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.”)

Matthew 7:23-27 ESV

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

Colossians 1:21-23 ESV

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Hebrews 6:17-19 ESV

So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, 18 so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. 19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,

APPLICATION & TRANSFORMATION

Something to “believe in” “live for” or “stand on.”

Which resonates most with you this morning?

Can you think of one promise to claim and stand on this morning?

What did God say to you this morning about your faith and what he can do through it?
