

Romans # 063

“Love & Grace”

*Romans 4:13-16*

*Galatians 3:18*

**The Law was good because God wrote it and gave it and what it reveals of the holiness of God stands forever.**

What the Law stated as rules and regulations was specific to Israel during their dispensation.

**Individual Jews in different tribes were given land grants and that was their inheritance, possession or property.**

Inheritance is simply participation in the promise God made to Abraham.

*For the sake of argument, Paul says: if the inheritance is from the Law and possession of the blessings and the promise come through obedience to the Law, then it's no longer the result of the promise.*

God makes the covenant with Abraham with 3 parts:

1. God promised a specific area of real estate—the land.
2. He said that blessing would come through the seed, his descendants.
3. There would be worldwide universal blessing.

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Abraham is not just the father of the Jewish people but of all nations of the Jew and Gentiles who follow him in faith.

*The promise was a gift that God gave to Abraham, not through the Law but through the righteousness of faith.*

The Abrahamic Covenant is a blessing from the justice of God and to receive this blessing, the racial Jews must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ in order to have the imputed righteousness of God and be qualified.

**The chronological order:**

**Faith alone in Jesus Christ alone, then the imputation of divine righteousness, then the judicial act from the justice of God called justification.**

Imputed righteousness followed by the judicial act of declaring the new believer righteous and justified is the key that unlocks the door to all the blessings from the justice of God.

His assumption is if heirship or inheritance comes through the Law and benefits from the blessings of the promise; faith is nullified along with the promise.

**Legalism voids bless from the justice of God.**

Arrogance and self-righteousness always travel together.

**Divine integrity has eternally existed in infinite perfection and no creature works can add anything to it.**

God in His grace provides all His that integrity demands: imputation of His righteousness at salvation, recovery post-salvation, spirituality for grace learning and

application and biblical truth as the means of maturity adjustment.

*God can add something to our integrity but we cannot add anything to God's integrity.*

**Faith is NOT something we do but the channel by which we receive what God has done for us at the cross.**

The works of the Law are the principles of evil satanic design presented to man in the Garden of Eden as the alternative to perfect environment.

**The Law is not the instrument of salvation but it brings us to the point where we see the issue of salvation.**

The Law brings wrath because the Law cannot be obeyed.

*The key point is that the promise is for those who obtained it by faith alone in Christ alone because all that the Law is going to get us is discipline and judgment from God.*