

salvation belongs to the Lord

a bird's eye tour of Paul's letter to the Romans

Romans 4.13-17

gospel (Rom.1.1-17)

grace (Rom.1.18-3.26)

faith (Rom.3.27-5.21)

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Outline

faith

it's the biblical way (Rom.4.1-25)

faith involves believing the promise

- the teaching of the Scriptures (4.1-8)
- the meaning of the sacrament (4.9-12)
- **the nature of salvation (4.13-17)**
- the backdrop to the statement (4.18-25)

it's a relational step (Rom.5.1-21)

faith involves embracing the Person

- faith issues in *reconciliation* through Christ (5.1-11)
- faith consists in *identification* with Christ (5.12-21)

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the nature of salvation (4.13-17)

- **undeserved** (vv.13-15)
 - the promise
 - the principle
- **underwritten** (v.16a)
 - Genesis 15

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After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: 'Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.'

² But Abram said, 'Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³ And Abram said, 'You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.'

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⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: 'This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.'

⁵ He took him outside and said, 'Look up at the sky and count the stars – if indeed you can count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.'

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⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

⁷ He also said to him, 'I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.'

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⁸ But Abram said, 'Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I shall gain possession of it?'

⁹ So the LORD said to him, 'Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.' ¹⁰ Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. ¹¹ Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

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¹² As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. ¹³ Then the LORD said to him, 'Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and ill-treated there.'

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¹⁴ But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterwards they will come out with great possessions. ¹⁵ You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶ In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.

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¹⁷ When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking brazier with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces.

¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates – ¹⁹ the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, ²⁰ Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, ²¹ Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites.'

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the nature of salvation (4.13-17)

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- **unrestricted** (vv.16b-17)
 - the *occasion* of the promise
 - the *scope* of the promise

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