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**The Greatest Promise Ever Kept**

Galatians 3:15-29

**Key Truth:** God’s promise made to Abraham is still the greatest promise ever kept.

1. What was the promise?

 A. God promised Abraham that all Nations of the earth

 would blessed through him. **Genesis 12:1-3**

 B. This promise would be fulfilled through Jesus

 Christ.

2. The purpose of the promise.

 A. The promise predates the law.

 B. The law did not provide life for Israel.

 C. The law served as a guardian for Israel.

3. The believers’ response to the promise.

 A. The promise is a constant reminder of our liberties.

 B. We must walk in the mutuality of the promise.

 C. We must guard this promise in our heart.

4. The unbelievers’ response to the promise.

 A. Recognize simply being good does not justify the

 wicked.

 B. Look into the mirror of the law and see your

 sinfulness.

 C. Respond by faith in the redemptive work of

 Jesus Christ. **Romans 4:5**

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** The blessing of the promise God made to Abraham and Jesus is still available today. Make it a priority to spread the good news of this promise with someone in your sphere of influence.

**Food For Thought**

What have you received by way of an inheritance? Was that meaningful? Why or why not?

What are some problems and pitfalls that families experience because of an inheritance being passed on to the next generation?

How does the apostle Paul use the illustration of a human will in this passage?

How does God’s promise of an inheritance compare to the way people conceive of an inheritance today?

Read Galatians 3:27–29.

What does it look like to live in slavery to sin in the world?

What should it look like to live as a true heir, as an adopted son or daughter of God with the Holy Spirit in our hearts?

How will you respond in faith to the truth that God adopts as His children all those who believe in Jesus, in His life, death, and resurrection to secure our salvation from sin and eternal life?

What are some ways you will look to other believers in Christ and begin to love them as brothers and sisters, fellow heirs with you in Christ?

How will you share with others the good news of our good Father who saves from sin and adopts sinners as true heirs of His promises when they believe in His Son, Jesus?