

THE BEST ASSURANCE: God is a Promise-Keeper

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

In the book of Romans, the apostle Paul dealt with Jewish leaders who were relying on their adherence to the Law, observance of religious rites, and good works for salvation. They were teaching the same to the Gentiles, telling them it is the way for them to be saved. In chapter 4, Paul gave the example of Abraham to show what genuine righteousness in the eyes of God is. Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness. Paul is telling the Jewish leaders and all of us today that the best assurance of our salvation is God because He is a PROMISE-KEEPER. We can trust His character, power, and timing.

TRUST HIS CHARACTER (ROMANS 4:3-8)

God's character is consistent in the Old Testament until today. God is true to His character. He is who He says He is – perfectly good, just, and loving. If He says Jesus is the only Savior, the way, the truth, and the life, then we must believe that. Abraham believed first before his circumcision. This means we don't work for our salvation. Paul quoted David saying the same thing in Psalm 32:1-2. It is God who justifies the ungodly through faith and not because of works. We need to admit that we can't save ourselves – not human effort or goodness but only through faith in Jesus Christ. If we truly realize how undeserving we are of God's love, we will love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, strength, and experience genuine life transformation.

TRUST HIS POWER (ROMANS 4:9-16)

We can confidently trust in God's power because of His proven track record. Paul wanted the Jews to realize that Abraham's faith in God was what made him righteous. He

BELIEVED in God. His circumcision was merely a sign, an outward symbol of his faith, a seal of righteousness that comes through faith which he already had even while he was uncircumcised. Paul is saying that righteousness comes through faith, not by being circumcised. If we can work for our salvation, we don't have any need for grace. Faith and grace go together. The promise of salvation is for everyone, but we need to step out in faith. We need to trust God's power that He can change lives, that He's the only Savior — that His power can work in and through our lives if we only believe.

TRUST HIS TIMING (ROMANS 4:17-25)

God keeps His promises, and His timing is always perfect. God promised Abraham that He would be a father of many nations, and he believed. He waited on the Lord for the promise. He waited for years without weakening his faith. Even when he was of old age, he was still fully convinced that God has power to do as He has promised. This is why it was credited to him by God as righteousness. God is honored when we step out in faith despite the difficulties. He will never leave us.

God looks at us as clean because of our faith. We have the greatest proof that our faith is correct because Jesus died and rose again. The resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate proof that our faith in Him is not futile. Jesus is the only person who lived on earth who spoke about his death and resurrection and was able to pull it off! Only Jesus will bring us to heaven.

Step in faith and hold on to His ways for He will always be faithful!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Has it been easy or difficult for you to trust in God's character, power, and timing? Why do you say so?
- What made an impact to you in the message about God being a Promise-Keeper?
- In what area of your life do you need to apply this truth?
- What do you need to do to trust in God's character, power, and timing?

LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, and whose sins have been covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account.

ROMANS 4:7-8

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God brought you here for His purpose.

1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments –Deuteronomy 7:9

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13

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