

April 23

THE CALL TO EVANGELISM: BELIEVING THE PROMISE

“If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

Galatians 3:29

THE PROMISE OF ABRAHAM WAS GOOD

In order to understand the verse of this lesson, we have to remember the promise that God made to Abraham in Genesis 12 (take time to read it). That promise speaks of “multitudes.” Even though Abraham and Sara were only two people, God invited them to see the possibilities that their faith could produce, not only in their son Isaac but also in the coming generations to come a powerful message of hope. This message was given through God’s promise.

The message of the promise had to do with Christ who had died and resurrected from the dead to become once and for all, the Savior of the world. But, did you know that Jesus is a descendent of Abraham? If you read Matthew 1:1-17, you will see how Jesus Christ was a direct descendent of the same Abraham from the passage in Genesis 12. The Promise that Abraham was asked to believe in was the person of Jesus Christ! His faith was rewarded before even seeing Christ. His faith was rewarded through the many descendants he produced.

These descendants are known as “children of Abraham” or as “children of the Promise.”

WE ARE HEIRS OF THAT PROMISE

“The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.”

Romans 16:20

If you read Romans 16:20, you will read that the final triumph of the promise given to Abraham is the final victory of Jesus and His church. Not only do we inherit Abraham’s faith, but we also receive by faith our Salvation in Christ. That makes us special and formidable people.

The final triumph of which Romans 16:20 speaks is that “*God will crush Satan under your feet.*” The phrase “*your feet*” in this passage refers to you and me. That is the message that we should live and confess. We have the assurance of victory. Now we must announce to somebody else that this victory is for them as well. As inheritors, we can claim the promise that we have and that promise is both powerful and eternal.

WITH SUCH PROMISE, WE CAN ASK GOD FOR THE NATIONS

As inheritors, according to the promise, we have an invitation from God. Psalms 2 tells us what we should ask God for:

“Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.” Psalms 2:8

Do you know to whom is God speaking to in this Psalm? This is a Messianic Psalm. That means that it is speaking about Jesus here. God is telling Jesus to ask for the families of all nations, for the families of this community, of this city, of this state and this country, including your family.

On the Cross of Calvary Jesus asked for you. When Christ died and rose again, He was able to inherit you as His possession. Our job is to also ask with Jesus for those who are left in our community. It is now our privilege to say, *“Lord, give me my family and Friends for you.”* You already have the answer because God had already given it to the Messiah (Jesus), *“Ask me and I will give you the nations as an inheritance.”*

When we join the petition of Jesus who wants the *“world to believe that you (God) has sent me (Him),”* (John 17:21) Then, those who He’s asking for will inherit the promise. Jesus wants for the whole world to believe in His mission. When we join Christ, the world around us will believe in the message of the Promise.

Our calling is to continue to announce the Promise to the entire world. Don’t worry, God is in charge of forgiving sins, change lives and heal hearts. Our job is to be like Abraham and believe that God can do it.

THE RESULTS OF THE PROMISE

The book of Revelation is the final book of the Bible. That book will reveal to us if the Promise of Abraham was fulfilled and if the “multitudes” are really going to know the promise of Jesus Christ. Look at the beautiful fulfillment of the promise at the end of time:

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!” Then one of the elders asked me, “These in White robes – who are they, and where did they come from?” I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them White in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple;

and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Revelation 7:9-17

John, the writer of Revelation, had seen the results of a promise made in the book of Genesis. Multitudes will be before the presence of God in the final times. And it all started with a faithful couple, Abraham and Sarah. That means that God’s invitation in Psalms 2 is the truth. Not only will God crush Satan under our feet, but also we will now be a part of that great multitude that will recognize, publicly, God as the great and powerful King of Kings.

CONCLUSION

Why don’t you begin to practice the song of victory of Revelation? You are a part of the promise that others will come to Christ because you will share with them about that Promise. The only thing that we need to do is to announce and celebrate that victory that comes when we decide to believe the gospel!

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE GROUP:

1. – What does this subject say about God?
2. – What does it say to my life?
3. – What does it say about others?