

# Romans

The Promise Realized Through Faith ([Romans 4:13-25](#))

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## Explain: The Promise Realized Through Faith (4:13-25)

[2 Corinthians 1:20a](#). The Old Testament promises are fulfilled in \_\_\_\_\_.

Are there any literary/structural observations?

### What do the words mean?

**13 For the promise** [announcement, message, promise] **to Abraham** [“father of a multitude”] **and his offspring** [seed, offspring, remnant, issue] **that he would be** [present middle infinitive] **heir** [an inheritor, \_\_\_\_\_] **of the world** [orderly arrangement, decoration, world] **did not come through** [*dia*] **the law** [*nomos*] **but through** [*dia*] **the righteousness** [equity, justification, righteousness] **of faith** [persuasion, credence, moral conviction, reliance upon, constancy in profession, truth itself, assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity]. **14 For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null** [perfect middle indicative; made empty, abased, neutralized, falsified, in vain] **and the promise is void** [perfect middle indicative; render entirely idle, abolished, ceased, destroyed, done away with, without effect, failed, loosed, brought to naught, put away, vanished away, made void]. **15 For the law brings** [present middle indicative; works fully, accomplishes, finishes, \_\_\_\_\_, causes, does, performs, works out] **wrath** [desire, violent passion, abhorrence, punishment, anger, indignation, vengeance, wrath], **but where there is** [present middle indicative] **no law there is no transgression** [violation, breaking, transgression].

**16 That is why it depends on** [*dia*] **faith, in order that the promise may rest** [present middle infinitive] **on grace** [graciousness, acceptable, benefit, favor, gift, gracious, grace, joy, liberality, pleasure, thanks, thankworthy] **and be guaranteed** [stable, firm, steadfast, sure] **to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares** [the sense of \_\_\_\_\_] **the faith of Abraham, who is** [present middle indicative] **the father of us all, 17 as it is written** [perfect middle indicative], **“I have made** [perfect active indicative] **you the father of many nations** [*ethnos*; race, tribe, foreigner]” [from [Genesis 17:5](#)]—**in the presence** [directly opposite, before, over against] **of the God in whom he believed** [aorist active indicative; had faith, credited, entrusted, believed, committed to, put in trust with], **who gives life**

[present active participle; revitalize, make alive, give life, quicken] **to the dead and calls** [present active participle] **into existence the things that do not exist** [present middle participle]. **18 In hope** [expectation, confidence, faith, hope] **he believed** [aorist active indicative] **against hope, that he should become** [second aorist active infinitive; cause to be, become] **the father of many nations, as he had been told** [perfect middle participle], **“So shall** [future middle indicative] **your offspring be.”** [from **Genesis 15:5**]

**19 He did not weaken** [aorist active participle; be feeble, impotent, sick, weaken] **in faith when he considered** [aorist active indicative; observed fully, beheld, considered, discovered, perceived] **his own body, which was** [perfect middle participle] **as good as dead (since he was** [present active participle] **about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness** [nekrosis; deceasedness, impotency, deadness, dying] **of Sarah's** [“princess”] **womb** [matrix, womb]. **20 No unbelief** [apistia; faithlessness, disbelief, unfaithfulness, unbelief] **made him waver** [aorist middle indicative; separate thoroughly, withdraw from, oppose, discriminate, hesitate, contend, differ, discern, doubt, judge, be partial, stagger, waver] **concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong** [aorist middle indicative; empowered, enabled, increased, strengthened, made strong] **in his faith as he gave** [second aorist active participle] **glory** [very apparent glory, dignity, glory, honor, praise, worship] **to God, 21 fully convinced** [aorist middle participle; carried out fully, completely assured, entirely accomplished, surely believed, fully known, fully persuaded, made full \_\_\_\_\_] **that God was able** [present middle indicative; powerful, capable, possible, able, mighty, power, strong] **to do** [aorist active infinitive] **what he had promised** [perfect middle indicative]. **22 That is why his faith was “counted** [logizomai; aorist middle indicative; taken inventory, estimated, concluded, esteemed, imputed, numbered, reasoned, reckoned] **to him as righteousness.” 23 But the words “it was counted** [aorist middle indicative] **to him” were not written** [second aorist middle indicative] **for his sake alone, 24 but for ours also. It will be** [present active indicative] **counted** [present middle infinitive] **to us who believe** [present active participle] **in him who raised** [aorist active participle; woke, roused, lifted up, raised again, stood, took up] **from the dead Jesus our Lord, 25 who was delivered up** [aorist middle indicative; surrendered, yielded up, entrusted, transmitted, betrayed, brought forth, cast, committed, delivered up, given up, hazarded] **for our trespasses** [side slips, errors, transgressions, falls, faults, offenses, sins, trespasses] **and raised** [aorist middle indicative] **for our justification** [acquittal, justification].

Are there any repeated words?

Are there any repeated topics?

## What are some observations of the text?

Sidebar: "If Abraham never wavered, why did he go to Hagar?"

13 Our salvation is not *dia* the \_\_\_\_\_, but *dia* \_\_\_\_\_

19 **Mounce:** The church of Jesus Christ is in desperate need of those who will insist that God is able to bring to pass anything that is consistent with his nature and in concert with his redemptive purposes.

## Apply (What is the point?)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ brings grace
2. \_\_\_\_\_ brings wrath
3. A choice \_\_\_\_\_ be made

## Personalize (What do we do with that?)

Hughes: This is what we are to believe! We are to put our faith in God who raised up Christ for our sins and was resurrected for our justification.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Next week time: Peace with God Through Faith (5:1-11)

## Homework

Resources (our helps—order matters)

- Holy Spirit
- Bible: **Romans** (ESV)
- Church: [bit.ly/FlemingSS](http://bit.ly/FlemingSS)
- Tools: [bit.ly/romans2017](http://bit.ly/romans2017)

Our process

- Ask (the Holy Spirit for help)
- Read (**Romans**)
- Talk (about **Romans**—[bit.ly/romans2017group](http://bit.ly/romans2017group))
- Send (feedback to [jim314@yahoo.com](mailto:jim314@yahoo.com)) by Wed)