

Sunday December 18, 2022

Faith in God's Promise (Part II)

Doctrines of Grace (TULIP)

¹Total Depravity (Radical Corruption); ²Unconditional (Sovereign Election); ³Limited (Definite) Atonement.

⁴Irresistible Grace (Effectual Call); ⁵Perseverance (Preservation) of the Saints

Matthew 1:21b ...You shall call his name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

By grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, according to Scripture alone, to the glory of God alone

Luke 1:57-66 (Context)

Luke 1:67-80 (Focus Text)

⁶⁷And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied saying:

⁶⁸" Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people,

⁶⁹And has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of David His servant—

⁷⁰As He spoke from the mouth of His holy prophets from of old—

⁷¹Salvation FROM OUR ENEMIES, And FROM THE HAND OF THOSE WHO HATE US;

⁷²To show mercy toward our fathers, And **to remember His holy covenant,** ⁷³**The oath which He swore to Abraham our father,** ⁷⁴To grant us that we, being rescued from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, ⁷⁵In holiness and righteous before Him all our days.

⁷⁶" And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; For you will go on BEFORE THE LORD TO PREPARE HIS WAYS; ⁷⁷To give to His people the knowledge of salvation By the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸Because of the tender mercy of our God, With which the Sunrise from on high will visit us,

⁷⁹TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH, To guide our feet into the way of peace."

Hebrew 11:13-19

¹³All of these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. ¹⁵And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.

¹⁷**By faith Abraham, when he was tested,** offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; ¹⁸it was he to whom it was said, "IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE CALLED."

¹⁹He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which also he received him back as a type.

Genesis 22:15

¹⁵Then the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, ¹⁶and said, “**By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD**, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷indeed I will greatly bless you...¹⁸In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

Romans 4:3

³For what does the Scripture say? “**ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.**”

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LBC Chapter 14: Of Saving Faith

Article 2 of 3: By this faith a Christian believes to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word on the authority of God Himself, and also apprehends an excellency therein above all other writings and all things in the world, as it bears forth the glory of God in His attributes, the excellency of Christ in His nature and offices, and the power and fullness of the Holy Spirit in His workings and operations: and so is enabled to cast his soul upon the truth thus believed; and also acts differently upon that which each particular passage thereof contains; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life and that which is to come; but the principle acts of saving faith have immediate relation to Christ, accepting, receiving, and resting upon Him alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by the virtue of the covenant of grace.

(Acts 24:14; *Psalms 27: 7-10; *Psalm 119: 72; *2 Timothy 1: 12; John 14:14; *Isaiah 66:2; Hebrews 11:13; John 1:12; Acts 16:31; *Galatians 2:20; Acts 15:11)

Psalm 27:7-10

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice, And be gracious to me and answer me. ⁸When You said, “Seek My face,” my heart said to You, “Your face, O LORD, I shall seek.” ⁹Do not hide Your face from me, Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not abandon me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation! ¹⁰For my father and my mother have forsaken me, But the LORD will take me up.

Psalm 119:72

⁷²The law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

2 Timothy 1:12

¹²For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

Isaiah 66:2

² For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being, “declares the LORD. “But to this one I will look, **To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.**

Galatians 2:20

²⁰I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

...Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss, My sinful self- my only shame, My glory all the cross.