

Sermon Application Sheet

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Sermon Outline

I. Why Not the Law?

- A. The Law Cannot Bring the Inheritance
- B. The Law Makes the Promise Useless
- C. The Law Brings Wrath

II. Why Faith?

- A. Faith is Consistent with the Promise
- B. Faith Guarantees the Promise
- C. Faith Opens the Promise to All

III. Faith in Whom?

- A. The God Who Gives Life
- B. The God Who Brings His Will to Pass

Romans 4:13–17 (ESV)

¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Application Questions

1. If the law cannot bring what we need (the inheritance) why is that we continue to seek justification by law?

2. What is it that causes you most to struggle with assurance of salvation?

3. What kinds of “faith” are you tempted to have that is not a specific faith in the revealed character and actions of God?