

Abraham's Seed

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"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the Law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, 'Cursed is every one who hangs on a tree (i.e. the Cross); so that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Jesus Christ; so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no man annuls it, or adds to it. Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He did not say, 'And to seeds,' referring to many; but to One, 'And to your Seed, who is Christ.'" (Paul to the Galatians 3:13-16)

Abraham: meaning "Father of a multitude" - and so named by God as follows:

"And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, 'I am the **Almighty God**; walk before Me, and be you perfect (blameless). And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.' And Abram fell on his face; and God talked with him, saying, 'As for Me, behold, **My covenant** is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. Nor shall your name any more be called Abram, but your name **shall be Abraham**; for a father of many nations I have made you. And I will make you exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come out of you. And I will establish **My covenant** between Me and you and your seed (descendants) after you in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto you, and to your seed (descendants) after you.'" (Genesis 17:1-7)

As such, Abraham, through his Seed-Descendant Jesus; he will become the father of many believers in Jesus, who are from all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues,

Seed: from the Greek word *spermati* which means: something sown - a seed, or a grain; also something produced - as from plants for the purpose of producing new offspring plants of the same kind; whether of wheat seed, or something else; figuratively: a descendant, or descendants. In context: Jesus is the promised Seed, Descendant, of Abraham, in whom all the nations will be blessed; who will redeem people from the curse of the Law, so that they might receive the promise of the Holy Spirit through faith in Jesus Christ.

Promises: from the Greek word *epangeliai* which means: promises; things announced, pledged, and guaranteed by an oath, to be given or provided to someone whether unconditionally, or conditionally. In context: God's divine promises, of every sort, promised to His people who truly submit in obedience His will, His Law, and especially to faith in His Son Jesus. The promises are twofold: first, promises were made to both Abraham, and his Seed - who is Christ Jesus. Secondly, promises were made to those obedient believers who become heirs through faith in Christ Jesus.

Christ Jesus: In context: the promised Seed: the promised descendant in whom all the nations would be blessed; as it was promised a second time:

"And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, 'By Myself have I sworn, says the LORD, for because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son (Isaac), your only son; in blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your-seed (descendants) as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and **your-Seed** shall possess the gate of **His** enemies; and **in-your-Seed** shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because you have obeyed My voice.'" (Genesis 22:15-18) (This promise made after when, in obedience to God, Abraham almost sacrificed his son Isaac!)

Paul continued with his teaching on the Seed of Abraham, as follows:

"And this I say, (this) **Covenant** (with Abraham), which was confirmed beforehand by God in Christ, that the Law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul, so that it should make the promise (to Abraham) of no effect. For if the inheritance is by the Law, it is no more by promise; but God graciously-gave it to Abraham through a promise. Why then the Law? It was added because of transgressions, until **the Seed (Jesus)** should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained through angels in the hand of a mediator. But He is not a mediator of (just) one; but God is one. Is the Law then against (or contrary to) the promises of God? May it never be! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness should have been by the Law. But the scripture has confined all under sin, so that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. But before faith came, we were kept under the Law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed (in Christ Jesus). Therefore, the law was our tutor to bring us unto Christ, **so that we might be justified by faith**. But after **this faith** has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all the children of God **through faith in Christ Jesus**. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to promise." (Galatians 3:17-29)

Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, confirmed the fulfillment of this promise, as follows:

"And his (John the Baptist's) father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, '**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel**; for **He** has visited and redeemed **His** people, And has raised up a **Horn of Salvation (speaking of Jesus)** for us in the house of **His** servant David; as **He** spoke by the mouth of **His** holy prophets (including Abraham), who have been since the world began; so that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all who hate us; to perform the mercy **promised** to our fathers, and to remember **His** Holy Covenant; the oath (promised) which **He** swore to **our father Abraham**, that **He** would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve **Him** without fear, in holiness and righteousness before **Him**, all the days of our life. And you, child (John), shall be called **the prophet of the Highest**: for you shall go before the face of the **Lord (speaking of Jesus)** to prepare **His** ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto **His** people in the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the **Dayspring from on High (Jesus)** has visited us, to give Light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.'" (Luke 1:67-79)

The Gospel of Matthew also confirmed the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham: that the Christ-Messiah would be descended from him:

"This is the record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham." (Matthew 1:1 see the genealogy: verses 1-17)

The universal blessing through the Seed of Abraham was proclaimed more than once:

"Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him **as righteousness**. Therefore, know you that those who are of faith, these are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would **justify the nations through faith**, preached beforehand the good-news unto Abraham, saying, '**In you shall all nations be blessed**.' So then, those who are of faith (faith in Christ Jesus the Seed of Abraham) are blessed with faithful Abraham." (Galatians 3:6-9) (see also *Genesis 12:1-3*)

Peter and Paul, apostles of Jesus Christ, encourage faith in Jesus, the Seed of Abraham:

"Repent you therefore, and be converted, so that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the **Lord**; and **He** shall send Jesus Christ, who was chosen beforehand for you; and whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. For Moses truly said unto the fathers, '**A Prophet (speaking of Jesus) shall the Lord your God raise up unto you from your brethren, like unto me; Him shall you hear**' (Deuteronomy 18:15) in all things whatsoever **He** shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear **that Prophet**, shall be destroyed from among the people. And all the prophets from Samuel and those that followed afterwards, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days. You are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, '**And in your Seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.**' (see Genesis 22:18) Unto you first (the nation of Israel) God, has raised up **His Servant (the Seed of Abraham)**, and sent **Him** to bless you, by turning away everyone of you from his iniquities." (Acts 3:19-25-26)

At the end of the age, further fulfillment will be as follows:

"And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the Throne, and the beasts and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is **the Lamb** (Jesus the Seed of Abraham) who was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying, 'Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him (God the Father) who sits upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped **Him** who lives forever and ever.'" (Revelation 5:11-14)

"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, **of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues**, stood before **the Throne (of God)**, and before the **Lamb (Jesus)**, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation to our God who sits upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb (Jesus).' And all the angels stood round about the Throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before The throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, 'Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever.' " (Revelation 7:9-12)

Jesus is the Promised Seed of Abraham

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Someday, before the Throne of God most High, and before the Lamb of God who has redeemed us from our sins, we shall all together say:

Worthy are You Lord Jesus who was slain: to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessings Forever and Ever !!