He is the Promised Seed of Abraham

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"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.' (Genesis 12:3) So then those who are of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. For as many as are of the works of the Law are under the curse; for it is written, 'Cursed is every one that continues not in all things which are written in the book of the Law to do them.' (Deuteronomy 27:26) But that no man is justified by the Law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, 'The just shall live by faith.' (Habakkuk 2:4) And the Law is not of faith; but, 'The man who does them shall live in them.' (Leviticus 18:5) 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;' (Deuteronomy 27:26) so that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through **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 sets it aside, or adds to it. Now to Abraham and his Seed (Jesus) were the promises made. He did not say, 'And to seeds', as of many; but as of One, and to your Seed (Jesus), who is Christ. And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed beforehand under God in Christ, that the Law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, **cannot annul**, so that it should completely inactivate **the Promise**. For if the inheritance is of the Law, it is no more by Promise. But God freely-gave it to Abraham through Promise. Why then the Law? It was added because of transgressions, until the Seed (Christ Jesus) should come to whom (i.e. all the nations) the promise was made." (Galatians 3:6-19 written by Paul the apostle)

Promise: from the Greek word <u>epangelias</u> which means: <u>a promise</u>, or more accurately an <u>announced-promise</u>; especially in the sense of a promise made by God to someone. In context: refers to the promises made to Abraham, and to his Seed: Jesus, who is the promised Christ-Messiah.

Seed: from the Greek word <u>spermati</u> which means: <u>seed;</u> (<u>seeds</u>: **spermasin**); from **sperma**: seed, offspring, descendants, posterity. In context: Jesus is the Seed of promise, as spoken to Abraham.

Abraham: from the Greek word <u>Abraham</u> (from Hebrew) which means: "father of a multitude" or "father of many nations," in that he would be the "father of many nations. As such, Abraham is the forefather of Jesus, and of the Israelites, and a key figure in God's covenantal promises. To him the promise was made: "In you shall all nations be blessed." To Him the promise of the coming Christ-Messiah was made: "as of One, and to your Seed (Jesus), **who is Christ**." To him the promise was made: That he would be the Father of many nations, as it was written:

"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. 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 (Exalted-Father), but your name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made you. And I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations from you, and kings shall come out of you. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto you, and to your seed after you." (Genesis 17:1-7)

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Not only would Abraham be the father of many nations; in him <u>all</u> nations would be blessed! As it says:

"Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house, unto a land that I will show you; and I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. And I will bless those who bless you, and curse him who curses you; and in you shall all families (nations) of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 12:1-3)

"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)

And "to Abraham **and his Seed (Jesus)** were the **promises** made" as Paul continues in his letter to the Galatians:

"Why then the Law? It was added because of transgressions, until the Seed (Christ Jesus) should come to whom (i.e. all the nations) the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is One. Is the Law then against the promises of God? God forbid; 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, confined unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Therefore, the law was our schoolmaster (tutor) to bring us unto Christ, so that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith has come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For you are all the children of God by 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 are you Abraham's descendant (each individually) ('seed' - sperma), and heirs according to promise. (Galatians 3:19-29)

God's promise to Abraham, that he would be the forefather of the Seed: of Christ Jesus yet to come, was foreshadowed by a promise previously spoken by God, described as follows:

"And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, 'Where are you?' And he said, 'I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' And He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you that you should not eat?' And the man said, 'The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave to me of the tree, and I did eat.' And the LORD God said unto the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' And the woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I did eat.' And the LORD God said unto the serpent, 'Because you have done this, you are cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon your belly you shall go, and dust shall you eat all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your-seed and her-Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall-bruise-His heel.' (Genesis 3:13-16)

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The promises made by God in Genesis chapter three are 'connected' to those made to Abraham in that they both refer to the Promised "Seed" who is Jesus the Christ who died for us! They are rooted in the "transgression" of Adam, and all his descendants; but also in the righteousness of Abraham! And in the Love of God; Please consider the following:

"For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, <u>was not to Abraham</u>, or **to his seed**, <u>through the Law</u>, but <u>through the righteousness of faith</u>. For if they who are of the Law are heirs, <u>faith is made void</u>, and the <u>promise is made of no effect</u>; because the Law <u>works</u> wrath; for where no Law is, there is no transgression. Therefore, <u>it is of faith</u>, that <u>it might be by grace</u>; to the end <u>the promise might be sure to all the seed</u>; not to those only who are of the law, but to <u>those also who are of the faith of Abraham</u>; who is the father of us all: as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations," before <u>Him</u> whom he believed, <u>even God</u>, who gives-life to the dead, and calls those things which do not exist as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, 'So shall your seed (descendants) be.' (Romans 4:13-18) (last quote: Genesis 15:5)

"But God commends His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified in His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His **Son**, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved in His life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the atonement. Therefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned! For if through the offense of one (Adam) many be dead (in sin), much more the grace of God, and the gift in grace, which is in one man, Jesus Christ, has abounded unto many. And not as it was through one who sinned, so is the gift; for the judgment came from one (Adam) unto condemnation, but the free gift from many transgressions unto justification. For if by one man's offense death reigned through one; much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life through **One: Jesus Christ**. Therefore as through the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so through the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as through one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so through the obedience of One (Jesus) many shall be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, so that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound; so that as sin has reigned unto death, even so grace might reign through righteousness unto Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 5:8-21)

Jesus is the Promised Seed of Abraham

This Messianic Promise was made By God the Father unto the benefit of all nations meaning all people from Adam & Eve onward ... because all have sinned and have fallen short of the Glory of God !!

Through the obedience and death of His Son Jesus, we shall be saved in His life!!

We receive the Seed of Promise: Jesus, through faith in Him!!

So then those who are of faith are justified and blessed with faithful Abraham!!

Thank You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for making us heirs according to Your Promise!
Thank You for forgiving us our transgressions through our Lord Jesus!
Thank You Jesus for reconciling us to the Father
All Praise, and Glory are Yours forever!!