

Living A Blessed Life
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Romans 4:13 NKJV

“And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” **Galatians 3:29 NKJV**

“And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.”

Genesis 15:6 NKJV

“And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend.”

James 2:23 NIV

“Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram, saying, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth.” **Genesis 14:18-19 NIV**

“So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.”

Romans 7:12 NIV

The law will not make you holy.

“For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.” **Romans 6:14 NKJV**

Sin is the mother of all pain and suffering. Sin is a noun.

“For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression.” **Romans 4:13-15 NKJV**

“Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ. And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.” **Galatians 3:16-18 NKJV**

Four Hundred years after Abraham died the law came.

“For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God's] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness [putting them into right standing with Himself] reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).” **Romans 5:17 AMPC**

Right believing will always produce right living.

“The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.” **I Corinthians 15:56 NKJV**

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” **Matthew 6:33 NKJV**

Righteous by faith

“For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” **Romans 5:19-21 NKJV**

People are not sinner because they sin. They sin because they are sinners. If righteousness is the root, then the root will produce the fruit of Righteousness.

“I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are

contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." **Galatians 5:16-24 NKJV**