

## Romans 4:13-25 New International reader's Version (NIrV)

<sup>13</sup> Abraham and his family received a promise. God promised that Abraham would receive the world. It would not come to him because he obeyed the law. It would come because of his faith, which made him right with God. <sup>14</sup> Do those who depend on the law receive the promise? If they do, faith would mean nothing. God's promise would be worthless. <sup>15</sup> The law brings God's anger. Where there is no law, the law can't be broken.

<sup>16</sup> The promise is based on God's grace. The promise comes by faith. All of Abraham's children will certainly receive the promise. And it is not only for those who are ruled by the law. Those who have the same faith that Abraham had also included. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup> It is written, "I have made you a father of many nations." (*Gen. 17:5*) God considers Abraham to be our father. The God that Abraham believed in gives life to the dead. Abraham's God also creates things that did not exist before.

<sup>18</sup>When there was no reason for hope, Abraham believed because he had hope. He became the father of many nations, exactly as God had promised. God said, "That is how many children you will have." (Gen. 15:5)<sup>19</sup> Abraham did not become weak in his faith. He accepted the fact that he was past the time when he could have children. At that time Abraham was about 100 years old. He also realized that Sarah was too old to have children. <sup>20</sup> But Abraham kept believing in God's promise. He became strong in his faith. He gave glory to God. <sup>21</sup>He was absolutely sure that God had the power to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> That's why "God accepted Abraham because he believed. So his faith made him right with God." (Gen. 15:6) <sup>23</sup> The words "God accepted Abraham's faith" were written not only for Abraham.<sup>24</sup> They were written also for us. We believe in the God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. So God will accept our faith and make us right with himself. <sup>25</sup> Jesus was handed over to die for our sins. He was raised to life in order to make us right with God.

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