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**The Love Series: The blessing of Abraham.-foundation**

Last month we glimpsed into the foundation of the new covenant, an unconditional covenant of love consummated through the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross. The new covenant is founded on the promise God made to Abraham that through his seed (who is Christ according to Galatians 3:16) all the earth would be blessed. And that blessing is the new life in Jesus Christ with all its righteous ramifications whereby we who believe become legal inheritors of the righteous life giving promise of God having been set free from the curse and death enslaving bondage of the law. As new creations by faith in Christ Jesus (I Corinthians 5:17) we have been redeemed/set free from the curse of the law (Deuteronomy 28:15-68, Galatians 3:13). Through the blessing of the promised seed Christ, we now have a new inheritance by grace through faith (not by the law) to walk in the newness of life that our heavenly father has already given and blessed us with according to Ephesians 1:3 and 2Peter 1:3-4. Please note the usage of the past tense in both verses. Because of Christ (the manifestation of God's love John 3:16) we have been blessed with the entire blessing of Abraham who is Jesus the Christ and In Him.

When God made promise to Abraham (and ultimately to us who believe In Christ according to Hebrews 6:17-18-note usage of plural heirs in verse 17. God wasn't just speaking/swearing to Abraham but to his seed and all who would be in Him/Christ. Titus 1:2-3 says that God promised eternal life before the world (time) began. Since that is the case to whom did God make promise? Certainly not the angels even if they existed when God made promise before the world/time began. God swore/made promise to Himself that He would bless, bring about eternal life and all its legal ramifications through the seed of Abraham. If you go on to read verse 3 it says that God manifested his word through preaching. **Abraham heard the same gospel Galatians 3:8 (good news.) of salvation through Christ we do today** and he believed God and God accounted his faith for righteousness. The promise God made to Abraham was merely a manifestation of what God had already decided, swore to/promised Himself in the eternal past which was to bless all of mankind in an unconditional show of love through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Please also note that the bible says in Revelation 13:8 that the lamb was slain from the foundation of the world and as God made promise of eternal life before time began. (Titus 1:2-3)

Because of the sacrifice of Jesus, all who believe in their heart in The Lord Jesus according to Romans 10:10-11/13 that God raised Him from the death and confess with heir mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord will be saved, thereby becoming inheritors and partakers of the blessing of Abraham according to Galatians 3:9. The moment you believed and confessed Jesus as Lord you became blessed with faithful Abraham and equally received the blessing of Abraham In Christ by faith. The blessing of Abraham is your legal inheritance In Christ who is the promised seed and your representation before the Father. **Jesus Christ the Righteousness one of God, the promised seed is the blessing.** You cannot earn the blessing of Abraham in Christ by works. It is **automatically imputed to you** when you receive Christ by grace through faith. Infact, the blessing of Abraham is not foundational to tangible things, it is fundamentally the seed who is Christ in

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whom all that is God; who He is, how He operates and what he has is encapsulated. **Jesus Christ is the salvation package. Righteousness was the promise and Jesus Christ is the righteousness of God that is imputed to us when we believe. Therefore you are the very righteousness of God in Him (2corinthians 5:22) because righteousness In Him is the gift you received by grace through faith.**

**So what is the blessing of Abraham?** Let's establish the premises of the last paragraph we need to look at some scriptures in the old and New Testament. For starters, let's begin at Genesis; as a prelude to God's sworn oath to Abraham, It must be noted that it has always been God's intention to bless man, His creation. In Genesis 1:26-26 God's intention and Fatherly heart of love is undisputedly revealed. His intention was to and indeed after creating man and woman he pronounced the blessing on them. To be blessed means one is divinely empowered (grace) to prosper spirit, soul and body. Adam and Eve received the blessing by grace Which is God's favor. They didn't have to earn it. The creator freely bestowed it on them. However to continually walk under the sustaining power of the blessing they had to stay within the boundaries of obedience to God's word to them which was not to eat of the fruit of one tree. We know the rest of the story, they walked out of the blessing through disobedience (Romans ) Sin (unrighteousness) robbed man of his right standing with God and the blessings that was pronounced on him and came with that place of right standing/righteousness.

In pronouncing judgement, God said to the serpent who had usurped man's authority through sin bringing about death that the seed (singular) of the woman will bruise, destroy and take back the authority he stole by deception. Before the fall Adam and Eve lived in divine union with the heavenly Father in a self-sufficient paradise called Eden. There was no poverty or lack, sickness (emotional, psychological, mental etc) or death (physical or spiritual) of any kind. All these things came after the fall. They are the curse of sin and the law (Read Genesis 1:14-24 and Deuteronomy 28 15-68) in a world and creation that also groans for redemption (Romans 8:23) because sin not only affected humans, it equally affected the animal, plant and cosmic world. Just as the sin of Lucifer and 1/3 of the angels affected the heavens man's sin affected earth and God will create a new heaven and a new earth according to .

With sin redemption was necessitated, thus the promise of a loving God regarding the seed of the woman (Genesis ) As stated in the previous paragraph and as evident in scriptures sin brought about physical and spiritual death and everything associated with death and separation from the life of God. God's desire has always been to redeem man even before He created man. He knew the outcome of giving man free will (also the angels) however **for love to be expressed in its full potential free will has to be involved.** So God in His desire to reinstate the gift (blessing) He originally pronounced on Adam sought a man who would believe Him and give Him an inroad into the human race to fulfill his plan. He found that man in Abraham, a most unusual candidate. Abram was from a pagan family for his father Tera was a maker of idols. In setting the stage for the birth of the nation of Israel through which the messiah was to come God told Abram to leave his family and go to a land that He will show Him and promised to bless him. Abram obeyed God. At a 100 years, God told Abram that he was going to have a son in his old age and through his seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed. Abram believed God and his faith in God's word/promise was accounted as righteousness. God equally changed his name to Abraham (father of many nations) Then came the ultimate test when God instructed Abram to sacrifice his son Isaac as a burnt offering to God. Abraham obeyed God and here comes the oath of Genesis 22:16-18r reiterated in Hebrews 6.

God confirmed or solidified the promise made earlier to Abraham with two unchangeable things that forever made the promise as good as done in the heart of Abraham. The two **unchangeable things** revealed in scriptures are God and his word. God swore by Himself to Himself (since there was no one greater than

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Him) in the name of the Lord of Host to Abraham that He will bless him and multiply him and his seed in multitude uncountable, and his seed shall rule over his enemies and in his seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed. Compare that pronouncement of blessing to that pronounced over Adam and Eve in Genesis 1:28. In Deuteronomy we see elements of the blessing, throughout the Old Testament and in the new Which is where as believers in Christ we reside we see the maturity of the blessing manifested in Jesus the promised seed of Abraham.

The blessing of Abraham is the promised seed who is Christ the Savior. Abraham is not the one who blesses or the blessing. He is a conduit through which the promise of the blessing was channeled because of His faith. Because of Christ the promised seed, the one who is the blessing himself (He is eternal life) and equally the one who blesses we as New Testament believers are blessed with faithful Abraham. Christ came and undid the works of the devil and restored that which was stolen and lost (Eternal life and all that comes with it-blessing of prosperity, increase and dominion spirit soul and body) That my friend is your inheritance In Christ by grace through faith and not of works. It is about time we stake our claim and walk in that which our heavenly Father has blessed us with because the word says that we are blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places In Christ Jesus and God has given us all things that pertain unto this life and godliness. To walk in the blessing is your inheritance and right bestowed by the Father of abundant love and grace In Christ. What are you doing with/going to do about it?

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