

SEMINAR THREE

THE GOSPEL – The Promises to Abraham

What is the GOSPEL?

Acts 8v25 and **Acts 8v12** – Defines the Gospel as “Good News” concerning:

- (1) _____ - This is the _____ of the Gospel... } **Acts 28v23,31**
(2) _____ - This is the _____ of the Gospel... }

Galatians 3v6-9 – The Gospel was **before** preached to Abraham... Therefore it is intimately connected with the **promises** made to the fathers of Israel! **Acts 26v6**

THE INITIAL PROMISE Genesis 12v1-3

(1) Expansion and Increase
Isa 51v2, Josh 24v3

(2) Distinction and Renown
Gen 23v6, Deut 4v6-8



(3) Protection and Care
Psa 105v10-15, Gen 12v17

(4) **Mediation** and Influence
Luke 13v28, Zech 8v23

THE INITIAL PROMISE EXPANDED Genesis 12-22

Gen 12v7 Unto “thy SEED”

Gen 13v14-17 “For ever”, land defined, seed numerous

Gen 15v13-21 Information about Egypt (400 years), wealth, a nation, borders

Gen 17v4-8 “Father of many nations”, **covenant** relationship, “everlasting”

Gen 22v16-18 **Oath**, “his” enemies, reiteration of “all nations being blessed”

“And **in thee** shall all **families** of the earth be **blessed**”
Genesis 12v3, 18v18, 22v18, 26v4 (Isaac), **28v14** (Jacob)

WHAT IS THIS BLESSING THAT COMES THROUGH ABRAHAM?

Psalms 72v17 – The Promise of one man - _____ (The “King’s Son”)

Acts 3v25-26 – The **blessing of Abraham** is the _____!

Galatians 3v6-9

The **heathen** would be **justified** = The **nations** will be **blessed** (ie: forgiven!)

BY WHO? Through the true seed – Jesus Christ! **v16**

FOR WHO? Not just Jews but Gentiles as well! **v14**

HOW? By being baptized into Christ, we become heirs of the promises! **v27-29**

Romans 15v8-9 – Jesus came to “**confirm the promises** made unto the fathers”
Truth to Jews **v8** and **Mercy** to Gentiles **v9** – “**FAITHFUL** and **MERCIFUL** High Priest”