

November 4, 2018  
Galatians 3:15-18

## ***God Keeps His Promises***

### **The Illustration v. 15**

### **The Promise v. 16**

*(Genesis 12:1-3; 13:14-17; 15:1-21; Matthew 5:18)*

God's promises to Abraham included land, seed, and blessing.

What was Abraham required to do to gain what was promised? Nothing!

The fulfillment of the promises centers around one person – Jesus Christ.

### **The Law v. 17**

The Law came 430 years after the promises to Abraham.

### **The Summation v. 18**

The blessings promised to Abraham did not come by obeying the Law.

If the inheritance (blessings promised to Abraham) depended on the law, then it could not have been based on a promise.

God gave it to Abraham through a promise.

### **Application:**

As believers we are participants in the blessings of Abraham by faith in Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:14).

These blessings are not attained by human effort in trying to obey the law, dietary restrictions, dress codes, or observing holy days. They do not depend on our performance.

The blessings are obtained by faith in the gracious promise of God.

They are not based in our being good – they are based in God’s goodness!

### **Questions for Discussion**

1. Why is it important that God keeps his promises and does not change them?
2. In what way might people today insist that believers follow the law (or rules and regulations)?
3. If the covenant God made with Abraham could be altered by the giving of the Law, what would that do to the promises we have from God?
4. How should we respond when we realize that our salvation and the blessings that have been promised are NOT based on our performance?