NEW CREATION RIGHTS

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Welcome to LIFESTYLE OF FREEDOM!!

Last week we talked about: I AM A NEW CREATION.

That **Jesus** came down to earth with one sole purpose.

Is to become **our Substitute**

and as he took our place and die for all our sins on the cross.....

We have been redeemed and we have been given full forgiveness and a new life.

And like the Bible says in,

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a <u>NEW CREATION</u>; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

When we make the decision to receive God.

We have been made NEW as well.

I AM A NEW CREATION - BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN BY GOD'S SPIRIT WHICH NOW ABIDES IN ME.

- And today I want to take you through deeper to <u>NEW CREATION RIGHTS</u>.
 As a new creation, born again into the family and Kingdom of God...
 What are the rights and blessings that belong and inherited to us.
- As a citizen of any country..... Australia, Philippines, Indonesia, Korea......
- it means that the **RIGHTS and PRIVILEGES of such country and it's constitution apply** to you and **work** for you <u>no matter what.</u>
- Your feelings and even level of knowledge of such rights and privileges don't disqualify you from enjoying the benefits of a citizen's rights and privileges....
- and you simply enjoy and claim them by the confident knowing that what is inherently yours as a citizen does and will work for you.
- It is the same for those who have been <u>BORN-AGAIN</u> AND <u>BECOME CITIZENS OF</u>
 GOD'S KINGDOM.....
- meaning all that we are and have been given in Christ is inherently ours and works for us no matter what.

So what exactly are THE NEW CREATION RIGHTS?

- And how do we live in them....?
- Today we're gonna go deeper in this......

1. THE SONS OF ABRAHAM HAVE A RIGHT TO ABRAHAM'S BLESSING

Gal 3:6-8

Just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." Therefore know that only **those who are of faith** are sons of Abraham.

- God looked at Abraham as righteous not because he was so amazing or perfect,
- but rather because **he had faith** in El Shaddai......
- that's what He had promised He was well able to perform it.

And the verse continued to say,

"That only THOSE WHO ARE OF FAITH are the SONS OF ABRAHAM!!"

- You and me.... The people who have been born again in God.
- You and me.... The people of Faith -- we are the SONS OF ABRAHAM!

Heb 11:6 But without **faith** it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

FAITH IS A SUBSTANCE.

IT IS ACTUALLY THE SPIRITUAL CURRENCY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD!!

We cannot buy spiritual things (Blessings and Power) with money, even though some of us have probably tried!!

Faith is how we obtain the things of God.

And exactly where I'm going...

Faith is also how we're going to access and claim the rights and blessings we have in God.

The first part of this blessing is that through Jesus....

WE BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

2 Cor 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

When Jesus hung on the cross for us......

- He took up all our sins and paid the price (redeemed) us.
- And he transferred the righteousness of God to us.
- We have been made RIGHTEOUS IN HIS EYES!

- Gen 15:5-6
- Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."
- And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.
- The promise of Abraham was to JESUS and because we are in Jesus, we're in the blessing!

Gal 3:13-14,16 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

16 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.

Gal 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

We are the righteousness of God and sons of Abraham

SO WE CAN CLAIM THIS SAME PROMISE THAT GOD HAS BLESSED ABRAHAM WITH!

Let's drill deeper into **ABRAHAM'S BLESSING:**

Gen 12:1-3

Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.

I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Notice that the PROMISES OF BLESSINGS THAT GOD GAVE ABRAHAM WERE DEPENDENT UPON THE COMMAND GOD GAVE HIM.

1ST COMMAND: "GET OUT OF YOUR COUNTRY, FROM YOUR FAMILY AND FROM YOUR FATHER'S HOUSE..... TO A LAND THAT I WILL SHOW YOU."

Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.

I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great;

BECAUSE AS YOU DO THAT, ABRAHAM.... I PROMISE YOU......

- I WILL MAKE YOU A GREAT NATION -- which has been fulfilled in the Jewish nation.
- I WILL BLESS YOU -- physical and spiritual blessings.
- AND MAKE YOUR NAME GREAT -- this has certainly been fulfilled, in that Jews, Christians and Moslems all look to Abraham as the father of their faith. His name is known worldwide to millions of people 4,000 years after he lived.

And you can see in the next chapter (Genesis 13:1,2) tells us that Abraham walked in prosperity.

And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south. And Abram was <u>very rich</u> in cattle, in silver, and in gold

Notice it doesn't merely say he was rich. If it just said he was *rich*, I'd trust God that he was rich,

but when God uses the word *very* to enhance / make his point and says he was *very rich*, he truly must have been very rich.

Did you ever notice that when God created man, He said it was *very good?* He created all the earth and said it was *Good*, but when it came to man He said, *This one's very good*.

Genesis 13:6 tells us that Abraham and Lot were so rich that.....

And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great so that they could not dwell together.

God blessed Abraham materially.

Also, God accounted him righteous in Genesis 15:6.

We're talking about both PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS here!

This taught us that....

- IF YOU WANT THE BLESSINGS......
- WHEN GOD CALLS, YOU OBEY!
 WHEN GOD ASKS, YOU GO!
- BECAUSE ONLY THEN..... YOU CAN SEE THE FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISE IN YOUR LIFE.

2ND COMMAND: "YOU SHALL BE A BLESSING."

YOU ARE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING!

And you shall be a blessing. <u>I will bless those who bless you</u>, and <u>I will curse him who curses</u> you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

THEN IT WAS FOLLOWED BY 3 MORE PROMISES:

- I WILL BLESS THOSE WHO BLESS YOU
- I WILL CURSE WHO CURSES YOU -- this refers not only to Abram, of course, but to Abram's descendants.
- IN YOU ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED -- PEOPLE AROUND YOU, WHICHEVER LAND YOU OCCUPY, WHEREVER YOU SET YOUR FOOT..... THERE WILL BE BLESSINGS.

This is a powerful promise..... fulfilled in the Saviour......

- Born of Abram's lineage.....JESUS CHRIST.
- Apart from Abram and his seed (Jesus), we, who are Gentiles would have no hope of salvation, redemption nor blessings.

The apostle Paul referred to this in Galatians 3:8,

"and the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel before-hand to Abraham, saying 'All the nations shall be blessed in you."

And so here we have the good news, that <u>Jesus would be born to Abraham's descendants</u>, and that He would save us from our sins through faith.

So that the **blessing of Abraham are inherited** not only be his physical descendants, but also his Spiritual Descendants.

The only basis we have to inherit these promises....is our FAITH IN GOD'S WORD!! Abraham's blessings are yours!

"I HAVE THE BLESSING!!"

Not only God promised to **BLESS ABRAHAM** and make him **THE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS**...

He promised to make him **EXCEEDINGLY FRUITFUL**.

To **KEEP HIS COVENANT WITH HIM THROUGHOUT THE GENERATIONS** (Genesis 17:4-8)

Gen 17:7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.

In Genesis 22:17 AMP, the Lord told Abraham that....

"In blessing I will bless you and in multiplying I will multiply your descendants like the stars of the heavens and like the sand on the seashore. And your Seed (Heir) will possess the gate of His enemies."

how many of you are excited....
THAT THE LORD DOES NOT JUST BLESS --- HE MULTIPLIES!
(MULTIPLY!!)

C'mon how many of you want to see the Blessing of Abraham fulfilled in your life??

Here's what needs to happen.....

As NEW CREATIONS......

2. IF WE DO WHAT ABRAHAM DID, WE GET WHAT ABRAHAM GOT

Here's how the Bible elaborates how the Faith of Abraham took him to the fulfillment of God's word.

It's not an empty faith, it's not a shaky faith....

But its AN UNSHAKABLE, UNWAVERING FAITH....

That was tested through TIME, PATIENCE, OBEDIENCE, DIFFICULTIES AND IMPOSSIBILITIES.

Rom 4:16-22 but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all 17 (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed — God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

18 who, contrary to hope, **in hope believed**, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be."

19 And **not being weak in faith**, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

22 And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

• Abraham acted in faith - Abraham left his life as a Chaldean behind and trusted God for His future.

imagine you are from wealthy people, you live a great life already....but God says leave.....i'm taking you somewhere else....

Would you leave trusting that God has better plan for you? Even though He did not reveal his plan.....how long the journey will be? Where are we going exactly? What are we doing to do there??

• Abraham believed God, despite how impossible it was in the natural, not being weak in faith

He did not let his natural circumstances / facts stop him from believing.

The Bible says....he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

Forget about it!!

Even the womb is closed. You've past the expiry date / deadline.

100 yo Grandpa and 90 yo Grandma going shopping for baby's clothes and cot at Target.

Abraham called those things that are not as though they were.

Abraham called forth and proclaimed the word of God until it happens.

Everybody he woke up, he prob looked into the mirror and declared what God promised him: "I have made you a father of many nations"

CMON YOU'RE GONNA BE THE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS

IF GOD SAYS IT, ITS GONNA HAPPEN!

I DON'T CARE HOW, BUT GOD WILL DO WHAT HE SAYS HE WILL DO!

Abraham trusted in God's timing for the promises to manifest and stayed the course.

AHe didn't allow himself to get weary in well doing but stayed the course.

When we say God I have faith in you....

I trust you...

We have to also trust God's timing and His ways....

We need to learn to have the faith to STAY THE COURSE --- WITHOUT GETTING WEARY!

1 John 5:4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith in God.

FAITH IS HOW WE OVERCOME AND HAVE VICTORY OVER THE WORLD.

HAVE THE FAITH, HAVE THE VICTORY! LOSE THE FAITH, LOSE THE VICTORY!

SO TODAY.....

AS I CLOSE.....

LET ME AFFIRM YOU TODAY,

THAT IF YOU ARE IN CHRIST, YOU HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN...

THEN YES, THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM IS YOURS!!

IF YOU WANT TO CLAIM THE KINGDOM RIGHTS AND THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM!!.

WE NEED TO HAVE THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM!

- FAITH THAT IS NOT EMPTY,
- FAITH THAT IS NOT PASSIVE
- FAITH THAT DOES NOT WAVER / GET SHAKY
- FAITH THAT OVERLOOK ALL THE FACTS IN OUR NATURAL WORLD (DESPITE.....)
- FAITH THAT BELIEVES THE IMPOSSIBLE.
- FAITH THAT HOLDS ON THE WORD OF GOD
- FAITH TO WAIT PATIENTLY AND EXPECTANTLY. (NOT DOUBTING GOD WHEN THINGS DO NOT HAPPEN ACCORDINGLY TO OUR WAYS AND TIMING)
 THAT IS NOT FAITH!! THAT IS HOLDING GOD RANSOM AND MANIPULATING GOD INTO DOING WHAT WE WANT.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST...

FAITH THAT ACTS IN OBEDIENCE.

FAITH WITHOUT ACTION IS DEAD!!

- WHENEVER WE SAY GOD WE HAVE FAITH IN YOU, WE TRUST YOU.......
- WE BETTER BE READY TO BACK IT UP WITH AN ACTION,
- WE BETTER BE READY TO OBEY WHEN GOD CALLS!

WHO'S READY TO STEP INTO THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM TONIGHT! WHO'S READY TO CLAIM YOUR INHERITANCE!!

THAT WEALTH IS YOUR PORTION

SPIRITUAL BLESSING.....PHYSICAL BLESSING.....THAT IS YOUR PORTION.

HEALTH IS YOUR PORTION!

VICTORY IS YOUR PORTION!

NOT BECAUSE OF OUR GOOD WORKS..... NOT BECAUSE OF OUR PERFECT DOING BUT BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN MADE RIGHTEOUS, REDEEMED BY JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF IF YOU RECEIVE IT SAY AMEN!!

DISCUSSION QUESTION:

NOW THAT YOU UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM (*righteousness, wealth, health*) IS INHERITED TO YOU....

IN WHICH ASPECT OF LIFE YOU NEED TO ACTIVATE / EXERCISE THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM (unwavering, believing for the impossible without doubt, stay the course / waiting patiently until it's fulfilled) IN YOUR LIFE?