

## **Bible Study for February 22-28, 2021**

**Read:** Romans 4:13-25

### **Notes:**

Today we hear about the covenant which God made with Abraham and Sarah; God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in an everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Just as Sarah and Abraham received new names as a sign of their covenant, we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.

### **Questions to Ponder:**

What is one unbelievable thing you have been promised on TV, in the mail, or by a political campaigner? Why did you not trust them?

How do such gimmicks affect your view of big promises in general? Of Bible promises?

Who are some Biblical characters you respect as examples of faith?

Who are some living examples of faith you see in this day? What is most important about those people to you?

On what basis is a right relationship with God given or credited to us?

How does it matter to you whether a right relationship with God is a gift to be received or a prize to be earned?