"God's Promise to Abraham" Romans 4:13-25

- I. CLEAR: "would be heir of the world" (vv.13-17)
 - **A. Exhibited:** "the promise...through...faith" (v.13)
 - **B. Exempted:** "of the Law...nullified" (vv.14-15)
 - 1. Legalism: "of the Law...faith made void" (v.14)
 - 2. Liability: "the Law brings about wrath" (v.15)
 - **C. Explained:** "the promise...certain" (vv.16-17)
 - 1. Means: "it is by faith...with grace" (v.16)
 - 2. Method: "he believed, even God" (v.17)
- II. COSTLY: "delivered up...raised" (vv.18-25)
 - **A. Illustration:** "Abraham...believed" (vv.18-22)
 - 1. Impossible: "in hope against hope he believed" (vv.18-19)
 - 2. Incredible: "promised...able also to perform" (vv.20-21)
 - 3. Imputed: "reckoned...as righteousness" (v.22)
 - **B. Application:** "raised Jesus...from the dead" (vv.23-25)
 - 1. Pattern: "was reckoned...will be reckoned" (vv.23-24a)
 - 2. Provision: "delivered up...raised" (vv.24b-25)