



Promise & Plan - Part 2 of 4  
Romans 4:1-25, Genesis 9:1-12, 12:1-3, 15:1-4, 17:1-10  
March 13<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Warm Up:** This past Sunday we learned that none of us knows in advance exactly what God will do and that we must learn to wait patiently in God's "Waiting Room." We were given great examples from the Scriptures, and from our own Shoreline family, of what it's like to wait in His room. Share a time when you found yourself in God's waiting room. How did your believing faith, trust, and obedience help you through this time?

"A covenant is an unchangeable, divinely imposed legal agreement between God and man that stipulates the conditions of their relationship."

- Wayne Grudem *Systematic Theology*

- ❖ Read **Genesis 3:15, 12:1-3, 15:1-4, and 17:1-10** aloud. Elements of a covenant always include *the parties* involved, *the condition* of the covenant, and *the promise* (which sometimes includes a sign).
  - Identify and discuss the elements of a covenant you see in each of these passages of Scripture. Consider the following questions:
    - Who initiated each of these? Why is this important?
    - What were the conditions?
    - Were they conditional or unconditional?
    - What were the promises?
    - How were they fulfilled?
  
- ❖ Read **Romans 4:16-22, Hebrews 11:17-19, and Galatians 3:16, 26-29**
  - Our generation looks for "quick fixes" and self-fulfillment rather than patient endurance. Why might this be? How do you see this in the Church at large today?
  
  - How does Abraham's faith in God's Covenant of Grace, and the fulfillment of His promises, help us today in our walks of faith?

**Wrap Up:** "In 50 years there will be no more 'us', so we need to embrace the future **NOW** and concentrate on expanding God's kingdom: In the long term process we are all short term solutions." *Erwin McManus*. Pray and ask God to bless our upcoming Easter services. Pray for the people who we could invite to these services. Ask the Lord to help us be a short-term solution to help expand His Kingdom in 2016!