

Romans 4:13-17

A Reasoned Assurance

-“NOT this...BUT this...”

-Romans 4:13 (ESV) For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did NOT come through the law BUT through the righteousness of faith.

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-Genesis 12:1-3 (ESV) 1 Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

-Galatians 3:29 (ESV) And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

-Revelation 5:9 (ESV) And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,

-William Newell: “It is ominously bold assumption, when God is calling all to behold His Lamb, to be found asking God to behold your goodness, your works!”

-“...if this condition had been interposed—that God would favor those only with adoption who deserved, or who performed the law, no one could have dared to feel confident that it belonged to him: for who is there so conscious of so much perfection that he can feel assured that the inheritance is due to him through the righteousness of the law?”—John Calvin

-Proverbs 20:9 (ESV) Who can say, “I have made my heart pure; I am clean from my sin”?

-Romans 4:16 (LSB) For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be according to grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the seed, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all--

**-“not to the one out of the law
only...”**

-“not only to those who are associated with the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all.”

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-“The crosswalk.com online Greek lexicon states it very well, I think: ‘This word deals with reality. If I “logizomai” or reckon that my bank book has \$25 in it, it has \$25 in it. Otherwise I am deceiving myself.’ ...in their [Protestants] theology God knows that the sinner is not righteous but imputes righteousness to him anyway. If Protestants were to pattern their interpretation of logizomai in Romans 4 after the manner in which it is used in these verses, they would have God mistaking the sinner for a righteous man, regarding him as righteous because He did not know what he actually was.” — Ben Douglass

-Genesis 17:5 (ESV) No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

-1 John 5:13 (ESV) I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

**-Hebrews 4:16 (ESV) Let us
then with confidence draw
near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and
find grace to help in time of
need.**

-Ephesians 2:5-7 (ESV) 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, (He) made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.