

The Promise Fulfilled—Applied to Us

Context

Week 1: *The Promise Given*

By God through Abraham to bless the whole world
To make his name great
To give him many descendents
To make him a blessing

Week 2: *The Promise Expanded*

By God through David to bless the whole world

The overarching point has been that God intended to bless the world through promises and covenants given through specific men, families, a people and a nation. But with the promise were also given the call to trust and obey and a record in history of the failure to trust and obey.

The Promise Fulfilled

During the morning worship service you will learn that Christ was the ultimate fulfillment of the promises.
Luke 24:21a, 27, 44

During this session we want to take a closer look at how the promises of God through Abraham and David are not only fulfilled in Jesus Christ, but how they are **applied** to us.

Story # 1: Jason

Answering the objections to Christianity
Buddy Nudge: How would you answer?

The answer boils down to who is Jesus and what did He do on the cross

Romans 3:21-31

- 21 But now the righteousness of God
has been manifested apart from the law,
although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—
22 the righteousness of God
through faith in Jesus Christ
for all who believe.
For there is no distinction:
23 for all have sinned
and fall short of the glory of God,
24 and are justified by his grace as a gift,
through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood,
to be received by faith.

This was to show God's righteousness,
because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

- 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time,
so that he might be just
and the justifier
of the one who has faith in Jesus. (ESV)

Key Concepts

Justification	<u>Court Room</u>	Language	<u>declared righteous</u> in Christ
Redemption	<u>Market Place</u>	Language	<u>purchased through</u> exchange of Christ
Propitiation	<u>Temple</u>	Language	atoning <u>sacrifice satisfying</u> God's holiness by Christ's blood

Story # 2: Dr. Francis Beckwith

Definition of Justification

Romans 5:1-11

5:1-2 Believer's peace and exaltation of hope are based on **justification**

This peace with God is reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:19

5:6-11 The believer's hope is confirmed by God's love demonstrated in Christ's work on behalf of both sinners and believers

5:6, 8 Christ died *for* the ungodly substitution 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24; 3:18; Isaiah 53:6, 12

5:9 This verse has the idea of redemption and sacrifice though it doesn't use those terms (see 3:24)

How? Through His blood

Romans 3:25-26; 1 John 2:2

This is also the concept of propitiation or satisfaction

5:10-11 The removal of enmity between God and man reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Key concepts

Christ has taken our place and has done what we could not do for ourselves:

1. He once for all died (Sacrifice)
2. in our place (Substitution)
3. paying the price for our sin (Redemption)
4. satisfying God's holy wrath (Propitiation or satisfaction)
5. and allowing us through faith to have a relationship with God (Reconciliation)

The atonement is the cross-work of Christ in which He once for all died (Sacrifice) in our place (Substitution) paying the price for our sin (Redemption) that satisfied God's holy wrath (Propitiation/Satisfaction) allowing us by faith to be made new creatures (Regenerated, imparting eternal life) by being declared righteous (free from all sin past, present, and future) in Christ (Justification) which enables us to have a relationship with God (Reconciliation, peace not enmity) leading to a transformed life (Sanctification) empowered by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Story # 3: Tito

