

## Children of Promise

### Introduction

- According to Paul's preaching to this point, a person is made a child of God by faith in Jesus Christ and His finished work of redemption at Calvary.
- According to Paul, it is these who have been called - Romans 8:29-30
- Romans 4:13 really throws a wrinkle in the Jews mindset
- What was the promise?
  - To Abraham - Genesis 12:2-3
  - To Isaac - Genesis 26:
  - To Jacob - Genesis 28:13-14
- We begin with the truth that Israel is the nation chosen by God but the descendants of Abraham would not be necessarily the "called" or "chosen".

### I. Who are the seed of Abraham? - (6-7)

A. According to the word of God - (6a)

B. Not all of Israel - (6b)

1. Not the offspring of Abraham - (7a)

a. Abraham had other children than Isaac

1) Ishmael by Hagar

2) Then those born to Katura - Genesis 25:1-2

b. Paul says they are not Israel.

2. True Israel are the offspring of Isaac - (7b)

a. This was God's original design - Genesis 17:19

3. God chose Abraham, then God chose Isaac

### II. Are they the children of God? - (8-13)

A. The promises or covenants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

1. Promises to the "children of flesh" – A physical nation of people

2. These are NOT the children of God.

3. They were the children of promise

B. The promise came through Sara - (9)

1. A quote from Genesis 18:10

2. After Abraham was called upon to sacrifice Isaac - Genesis 22:16-18

C. The promise came through Rebecca - (10-11)

1. This is the promise to Isaac - Genesis 26:4

2. Isaac had two sons, Jacob and Esau

3. This has to do with a chosen nation over all other nations

4. This was not about choice for salvation.

D. The promise came through Jacob - (12-13)

1. God's choice is final – Jacob (Israel) over Esau (Edom)

2. Keep the context – They are not a child of God because they have been born of the lineage of Abraham, Isaac or Jacob. - John 1:12-13