# Romans 4:16-19 (ESV) – A Life-Changing Guarantee

For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all his descendants—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, **17**as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. **18**In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” **19**He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

**Sermon Notes**

What is the “it” of verse 16?

**Main point:** The promise [of being an heir of the world] is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because

the righteousness that it is founded upon is by faith according to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The only thing that accords with grace is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Now to the one who works, his wages are not credited *according to grace*, but as his due. **5**[But] to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith in counted as righteousness. – Romans 4:4-5

**Two reasons why grace guarantees our promised inheritance as heirs. Because it:**

1.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our debt.

2.) creates spiritual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from spiritual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and gives us the

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ButGod, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, **5**even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved – Ephesians 2:4-5