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7. The Seed of Abraham

This chapter explains that God's promise to Abraham was ultimately for one 'seed'—Jesus Christ—and that believers, being in Christ, now inherit that same promise. It argues that Jesus ministered on earth not as the Son of God but as a man operating under the Abrahamic covenant, using tools available to every believer today.

Key takeaways

- The promise to Abraham's 'seed' (singular) pointed to Christ, and Galatians 3:29 makes believers that same seed and heirs.
- Jesus did His miracles as a prophet under the covenant—by the written Word, faith in the Father, and the Holy Spirit—not by pulling rank as God's Son. All of it is available to believers now.
- The one thing only Jesus could do was die as the sinless Son of God and pay for sin, breaking the power of sin and Satan.
- The law was added to protect the promise until Christ came; once He came, the promise was in force.

- Pray from the answer, not the problem: receive by faith and confess the result before you see it, as God 'calls things that are not as though they were.'
- Standing on God's Word 'commands' God to His own promise—not by bossing Him, but by reminding Him of what He said.

Passages worth keeping

“If Jesus Christ is the Lord of your life, then you are Abraham's seed.”

The chapter's central claim—the promise now belongs to the believer.

“Jesus did not use one tool in His earthly ministry that was not available to every Israelite through their covenant with God.”

Grounds the argument that believers can function as Jesus did.

How it connects

Ties the Old Testament failures (Noah's drunkenness, the strain on the prophets) to the power of sin still at work, and contrasts them with the new covenant where that power is broken in Christ.

Scripture referenced

- **Galatians 3:16** -- The promise was to one seed, Christ.
- **Galatians 3:29** -- Believers in Christ are Abraham's seed and heirs.

- **Galatians 3:13-14** -- Redeemed from the curse so the blessing of Abraham comes to us.
- **Isaiah 55:11** -- God's Word will not return void; Satan cannot stop it.
- **2 Corinthians 5:17** -- In Christ a new creature is born—the new covenant.
- **Isaiah 45:11** -- Believers may 'command' God through His own Word.