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 <p>Birth by PROMISE and God’s doing.</p> <p>Received and “taken in” by recipient: “Yes.”</p>	<p>Born to Abraham and Sarah: “You shall have a son.” “Sarah shall have a son.” Genesis 15 and 17</p>	<p>Born to the Virgin Mary: you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.” Luke 1</p>	<p>Born by God’s Spirit: That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ John 3</p>
	<p>Abraham believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness. Genesis 15</p>	<p>And Mary said, “Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.” Luke 1</p>	<p>But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1</p>
Inheritance based on BIRTH	Inherited God’s Promises given to Abraham. All the nations of the earth will be blessed through him.	Inherited God’s Promises given to Abraham and David and Messiah. All the nations of the earth will be blessed through Him.	Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you. I Peter 1:3-4 John 1-3, Rom. 1-5, Gal. 3-4, Eph. 1-2
Self-effort is not acceptable	Ishmael and concubine’s sons sent away with gifts.	Fulfilling God’s plan by human effort will fail. Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.” John 18	Fulfilling God’s plan by human effort will fail. For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5
Death does not stop God’s promises from being fulfilled	Isaac is offered up by Abraham and offers himself unto death on Mt. Moriah.	Jesus is offered up by the Father and offers himself unto death “on” Mt. Moriah (Jerusalem). He relies completely on the promises of the Old Testament Scriptures. John 12:24 Psalm 22	Believers are identified with Jesus Christ in His death.

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Resurrection brings the inevitable fulfillment of God’s promises	Isaac is given his life back again because a ram takes his place. “God will provide for Himself a sacrifice.” Genesis 22	Jesus, the Lamb of God, dies but is resurrected. He has taken the place of sinners. God has provided for Himself THE sacrifice.	Our lives are spared so that now what is left belongs to Jesus for HIS purposes. We will be raised in the resurrection from the dead.
The channel of the fulfillment is given	A suitable wife is found for Isaac in order to have descendants. God enables Rebekah to have twins after 20 years of waiting.	A suitable bride is being prepared for the marriage supper of the Lamb.	Believers are the Bride of Christ, the channel through which the nations hear and believe in Jesus Messiah.
Perseverance until the final fulfillment	Isaac perseveres by living in a tent and staying ON the land, not going to Egypt or Haran. He lives in peace with his hostile neighbors who are jealous of his inheritance and blessing. He waits for the promises to be fulfilled.	Jesus ascends to Heaven and waits for His inheritance and Kingdom to be given to Him as Ruler of the nations.	We are waiting and enduring until all God’s promises are fulfilled. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God...Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Rom. 12

All of this is based on BIRTH.

Have you been born of God’s Spirit by repenting of your own way and receiving Jesus Christ?

Will you endure and wait patiently until you receive what has been promised?

Are you receiving God’s promises to you as a believer? On what basis are these promises yours?

“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

“If I go I will prepare a place for you that where I am you may be also.”

“Seek first God’s Kingdom and all these things will be added to you.”

Memory Verse: *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things. Romans 8:32*

Homework for next week: Read Genesis 25-35