"Blessed with Abraham" Genesis 12, 13, 15; Galatians 3:7-29

Intro: If we could take a spiritual DNA ancestry test, as believers in Jesus we would find our roots go back to...Abraham.

<u>Galatians 3:7</u> "Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham."

As a child of Abraham, you share in his blessings.

- I. A great nation: <u>Genesis 12:2</u>
 - a. God's treasured possession, a holy nation Ex 19:5-6
 - b. "If you obey me fully and keep my covenant..."
 - c. Or trust in the One who obeyed <u>1 Peter 2:9-10</u>
- II. A blessing to all people on earth: Genesis 12:2-3
 - a. Back to the "first gospel" of Genesis 3:15
 - b. Fast-forward to Matthew 1:1,18; Luke 2:10
 - c. And to us! Galatians 3:8-9, 14
- III. Recipients of the promised land: <u>Genesis 12:7</u>
 - a. For Israel it was the land of Canaan Joshua 21:43
 - b. The meek do inherit the earth Matthew 5:5
 - c. A heavenly country and city <u>Hebrews 11:16</u>
- IV. A very, very big family: <u>Genesis 13:16; 15:5</u>
 - a. Oh, how I want to be in that number, and I am!
 - b. The offspring/seed connection in Jesus Gal 3:16, 29
 - c. Imagine the family reunion at the throne! Rev 7:9
- <u>Close</u>: Of the promised blessings to Abraham, which did he personally receive in his lifetime? And which is the greatest blessing of all? <u>Ge 15:1; Heb 11:13</u>; John 8:56, <u>58</u>