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"So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe" (Romans 4:16, NLT).
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"For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (John 1:17, ESV).
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"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13, ESV).

4. C - GRACE COMES THROUGH CHRIST.

"For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (John 1:17, ESV).

"The grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many" (Romans 5:15, ESV).

"I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose" (Galatians 2:21, ESV).

5. E - IT IS EXTENDED THROUGHOUT ETERNITY.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23, ESV).

"Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you" (Isaiah 30:18, NASB).