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- 2) We are both delivered from sin yet still war with sin. We do not lead defeated lives, constantly at the mercy of every temptation. But that does not mean a life free from temptation. The victory has been won, but the battle still drags on. Until Jesus returns and establishes His Kingdom, evil must be defeated every day.
- 3) 4:13 The promise for a future had its roots in faith.
- 4) 4:13 Abraham's trust was not in what he did, but in the promise God made of the coming of a future Messiah, born as a promised descendant.
- 5) 4:14 The purpose of the Law is to reveal God's perfect standards and to show the inability in our own power to live up to those standards.
- 6) 4:14 To predicate a promise on an impossible condition is to nullify the promise.
- 7) 4:16 Were it not for God's grace, even your faith could not save you.
- 8) 4:16 Grace is the power that brings justification in order that the promise is guaranteed to all.
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