

Galatians 3

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1 ¶ O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?

2 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

4 Have you suffered so many things in vain--if indeed it was in vain?

5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

1: What caused the Galatians to become foolish?

2: What insight did Paul want to learn from the Galatians?

3: What did Paul regard as foolish?

4: What was Paul concerned that they might have done in vain?

5: How does God supply the Spirit, and how does He work miracles among believers?

6 ¶ just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

7 Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.

8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."

9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."

11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith."

12 Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them shall live by them."

13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),

14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

6: What happened when Abraham believed God?

7: What is required to be regarded as 'a son of Abraham'?

8: What did the Scripture say about the Gentiles, in reference to Abraham?

9: How are Gentile believers and Abraham alike?

10: What is the consequence of being "of the works of the law"?

11: What is evident regarding justification in the sight of God?

12: Describe why "the law is not of faith"?

13: How did Jesus redeem us from the curse of the law?

14: What was "the blessing of Abraham" made available to Gentiles in Christ Jesus?

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- 15 Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man's covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it.**
16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.
17 And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect.
18 For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

15: Who confirmed the covenant to Abraham, and what were the implications?

16: To whom were the promises (from v8 & Gen 22:18) made?

17: What effect does the law have upon the promise given 430 years before?

18: How did God give the inheritance (His blessing as a Father) to Abraham?

- 19 ¶ What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.**
20 Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one.
21 Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law.
22 But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.
23 But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.
24 Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.
25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.
26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

19: What purpose did the law serve?

How was the law given?

20: For how many does a mediator mediate?

Is a mediator necessary between God the Father and His Son?

21: How does the law relate to the promises of God?

22: What does the Scripture do in relation to the promise?

23: What were the 2 purposes of the law before faith came?

24: In what way was the law our tutor?

25: Is there still need to be under the law?

26: What is the manner of a believer's relationship with God?

27: What is the effect of being baptized into Christ?

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***28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.***

28: When speaking of Christ's body, what distinctions are made between the individual believers?

29: How are believers regarded?

Overview

From this chapter: Which verse leaves the greatest impression, and why?