

Galatians Ch. 3

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Galatians 3:1-9

- Not a lack of intelligence but of obedience; deception.
 - The deception was likened to one being under a spell.
 - Paul preached with clarity; like an official notice of truth.
- V2-3 – Thesis statement of this letter.
- V5- Spirit is not received by works but by faith.
- Abraham’s faith = righteousness. Faith lineage.
- We are benefactors of Abraham’s faith. His bloodline equates to nothing, but faith equates to everything.

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Galatians 3:10-14

- Relying on the Law is a curse. Break 1, break all 613. The Law only covers sin, death is still the outcome.
- V11 – *“He who is righteous by faith shall live.”* (YLT)
- V12 – Rule following is not faith; but requires 100%. The Law does not ask people to have faith or even try.
- V13 – Christ redeemed us by becoming a curse for us. His death purchased our death sentence (in full).
- V14 – Gentiles received the blessing by faith alone.

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Galatians 3:15-29

- Human covenants, stand. God’s covenants, STAND.
- God blesses the seed lineage; not multiple seeds.
- V18 – Grace not earned but is a promise by faith only.
- The Law reveals our need for a Mediator (Redeemer).
- Christ is the Mediator of God’s promise by faith.
- Law does not contradict the nature of God but reveals our need for God to act on our behalf.
- Before Christ, faith in Yahweh was required.

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Galatians 3:15-29

- The Law was good in that it was a tutor → Christ.
- Now, the ministry of the Holy Spirit is our tutor.
- Because we are children of God by faith (John 1:12-13).
- Baptized ‘into’ Christ. Public baptism points to this.
- We are now clothed in Christ. Our baptism is likened to a soldier’s uniform proclaiming what he is a part of.
- Salvation is available to all ; regardless.
- Faith in Christ means we are an heir to the promise.

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Galatians 3 Summary

- Receiving false teaching has the potential to put you under its influence and lead you astray.
- Christ is the one who paid the price in full!
- We add nothing. God does not accept our payment.
- Law leads to death, faith in Christ leads to life.
- The Holy Spirit is our guide, tutor; not rule following.
- We are ‘wrapped up in Christ & His righteousness.
- YOU have the opportunity for eternal life in Christ.

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