



## Verse References

- Genesis 15:6
- James 2:23
- Romans 4:3
- Galatians 2:16
- Galatians 3:1–29
- Exodus 20 (reference)
- John 1:12
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Galatians 1:9

## Sermon Title:

**No Ordinary Family: All in the Family**

**Series: All in the Family – Week 4**

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## Introduction

- Reflect on the rows of white tombstones at Arlington Cemetery and the cost of freedom.
- Red Poppy from McCrae's *In Flanders Fields* as a symbol of remembrance and sacrifice.
- Just as many gave their lives for national freedom, Jesus gave His life for eternal freedom.
- We are part of a spiritual family not defined by law or bloodline but by faith.

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## **Main Idea**

**We become children of God not by works or ancestry but through faith, just like Abraham. The gospel is a message of divine accomplishment, not human achievement.**

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## **Outline**

### **I. Two Categories of Religion**

- **Human Achievement vs. Divine Accomplishment**
  - **Quote: “Human religion says, ‘Work your way.’ Divine accomplishment says, ‘I am the way.’”**
  - **All man made religions focus on works; only the gospel emphasizes faith in God's finished work.**
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### **II. The Power of Belief – Abraham's Faith**

- **Genesis 15:6 – “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”**
  - **The Hebrew word “he’emin” (Amen) means trusted, believed with conviction.**
  - **Abraham demonstrated faith before the law existed: in worship, in giving (Melchizedek), in obedience.**
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### **III. Paul’s Argument in Galatians**

#### **A. Paul’s Passionate Appeal (Galatians 3:1–5)**

- **Rebuke of legalism: “O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you?”**
- **Judaizers added to the gospel, leading people back into bondage.**
- **Today’s parallel: striving to earn what Christ already gave.**

## **B. Righteousness by Faith, Not Law (Galatians 3:6–14)**

- Abraham believed and was declared righteous—long before the law.
  - The law curses us because no one can fully keep it.
  - Christ became the curse for us, fulfilling the law on our behalf (verse 13).
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## **IV. The Bigger Plan – God’s Promise Remains (Galatians 3:15–18)**

- God’s covenant with Abraham came 430 years before the law.
  - The law does not override the promise.
  - Our salvation is rooted in God’s faithfulness, not our performance.
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## **V. The Role of the Law (Galatians 3:19–24)**

- The law acted as a guardian, a temporary guide until Christ came.
  - It revealed sin but could not save.
  - Now, the way of faith has come – and the law’s tutoring is complete.
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## **VI. New Identity in Christ (Galatians 3:25–29)**

- “You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”
  - Baptized into Christ, we are clothed in Him.
  - No more divisions: Jew or Gentile, male or female – we are one family.
  - As heirs of the promise, we belong to Christ and inherit what was promised to Abraham.
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## **Key Applications**

1. You don’t earn God’s love – you receive it by faith.
2. Don’t return to legalism. If you began in the Spirit, don’t try to finish by the flesh.
3. Faith leads to fruit. Abraham didn’t need a law to live righteously – he believed God.

- 4. You are no longer a slave but a son or daughter — live as part of the promise, not under performance.**
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### **Call to Action**

- **Are you trying to “perfect yourself” through effort instead of trusting in Christ?**
- **If you haven’t, declare your faith and be baptized — join the family of God.**
- **Stay rooted in the gospel of grace. Paul says if anyone preaches another gospel, “let them be cursed” (Galatians 1:9).**