

Galatians 3

Jesus

- **Chapter 1/2** Paul's Personal Experience with Grace Declared/Depicted/Defended
- **Chapter 2/3** Paul's Doctrinal Instruction about Grace Salvation by Grace alone

Romans 1:16 ... I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "**The just shall live by faith.**"

The Just Shall Live by Faith. So, What? So, this...

Most of Humanity does not believe this and are on their way to eternal damnation

- Cults/Ism's setting traps for Relatives, Friends and Neighbors as the curtain closes
 1. Hebrew Roots Movement is enslaving people
 2. Messianic Jewish Movement is confusing people
 3. **Cults the 3 Biggies:** Mormons/JW's/SDA are laying eternally deadly traps
- It is our responsibility to be ready to present the Gospel clearly...

Salvation by Grace alone through Faith alone in Christ alone

Galatians 2:21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

I. Justification by Faith

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?

- **Foolish:** gr. *Anoetos* Lit. someone who can think...but fails to trouble themselves
- **Bewitched:** Unbiblical word for ungodly action. Has someone put you under a spell?

You've allowed yourselves to be deceived ...

- **Paul:** I painted a clear picture of the Gospel/Jesus/Crucifixion/Resurrection

Acts 20:26 ... I am innocent of the blood of all men. ²⁷ For I have not shunned to declare to you the **whole counsel of God**. ²⁸ Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which **He purchased with His own blood**. ²⁹ For I know this, that after my departure **savage wolves will come in among you**, not sparing the flock.

- **Heard/Believed/Changed**
 1. Received the Holy Spirit
 2. Moved from Darkness to Light
 3. Rose from Dead to New Life

Ephesians 1:13 In [Jesus] you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, **having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit**

of promise...

- **Why this foolishness?**

It is wonderful to have a soft, tender heart before God. But some people have softer heads than hearts. Their minds are too accommodating to wrong, unbiblical ideas, and they don't think things through to see if they really are true or not according to the Bible. [Guzik]

- We don't check our brains at the door...

Acts 17:11 [Bereans] were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and **searched the Scriptures daily** to find out whether these things were so.

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?

- **Paul sends out a Questionnaire to the Galatians...**

1. Did Holy Spirit come into your life when you believed or when circumcised?
2. Do you think you can complete in the flesh what God began in the Spirit?

- You know you received the Spirit from God **when you believed**

1. Gifts/Fruit of the Spirit
2. Discernment
3. Supernatural Love
4. Understanding of Scripture

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

You Gentiles heard/received/believed...just like Abraham

- **Jewish Legalists pressing Gentiles**

1. Become circumcised like Abraham
2. Become a Jew like Abraham

- **Problem?**

1. **Abraham** was saved before he was circumcised
2. **Abraham** was saved before he was a Jew
3. **Abraham** was saved before Jewish Religion

- **Believed God:** What did Abraham believe?

Genesis 15:5 [God] brought [Abraham] outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and

count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."6 And **he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.** [Later]

Abraham did not simply believe there was a God...He believed God

James 2:19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

We should be careful to say that Abraham's faith did not make him righteous. **Abraham's God made him righteous**, by accounting his faith to him for righteousness. "His faith was not his righteousness, but God so rewarded his exercise of faith, as that upon it he reckoned (or imputed) the righteousness of him in whom he believed." [Poole]

- Abe believed God would make his descendants as stars in the sky

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

Sons of Abraham are all those who are of Faith; Jew or Gentile

- Has the church replaced Israel w/regard to the Promises of God?

Romans 3:1 What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? **2 Much in every way!** Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God. 3 For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? 4 Certainly not!

- **Rejected Jesus...**for a time

Romans 11:25 ...blindness in part has happened to Israel **until the fullness of the Gentiles** has come in. 26 And so **all Israel will be saved**, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27 For this is My covenant [Promise] with them, When I **take away their sins.**"

Revelation 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And **all the tribes of the earth** will mourn because of Him...

- **Revelation 7 and 14:** 144,000 Jews evangelize world 2nd 1/2

Matthew 24:16 [Jesus command Jews to flee Jerusalem during Trib] ... then let those who are in Judea **flee to the mountains.** 17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. 18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. 19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

- Jews who hear/receive/believe Jesus Word will be saved

Thus, every true Israelite will be saved...by Faith in Jesus not heritage

- God is not done with Israel. Period.
- **Replacement Theology:** Devilish/Ignorant and reveals Biblical Illiteracy

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."

- **Gospel preached to Abraham?**

There is One coming from your loins Abraham, from Isaac and Jacob...from the posterity of David followed by a line of kings and He can/will do what you can't...

Save your own souls. His Name is Jesus

OT Saints looked forward to Jesus. NT Saints look back to Jesus

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

- Those who believe God are blessed as Abraham

Hebrews 10:38 Now **the just shall live by faith**; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.

The promise to Abraham was that his physical offspring beginning with Isaac, Jacob and his sons [12 Tribes] would wind through the line of David and the rest of the kings of Judah and would culminate in the coming of the **King of Kings; the Messiah** who through faith in Him would yield Abraham **Spiritual offspring** from every nation on earth as numerous as the stars in the sky; that those in the OT looking forward to Jesus sacrifice... and we who look back would be saved by faith in what Jesus accomplished on the cross and be with Him eternally. [NJC]

Genesis 28: 14b... and in you and in your **seed** all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

No Jew/Gentile, no one at all... has ever been saved that apart from faith in Jesus

John 14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

SUMMARY Justification by Faith Trust in God and be saved. Trust in self and be cursed...

II. Law Brings a Curse

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."

James 2:10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.

Cursed are those who do not keep the law 100% perfectly 100% of the time
That kind of slims down the pickins...to zero

- **Cursed:** Cursed by God Himself. Doomed without intervention from without

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")

- **Jesus redeemed us from the curse:** Bought us back from being damned. How?

Jesus became a curse/became our sin and crucified them both on a tree

2 Corinthians 5:21 For [God the Father] made [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- **God's Judgment:** Hung on a tree. Ultimate supreme disgrace Jesus took for us.
- **God's Provision:** Righteousness of Jesus applied the moment we believe

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.**

Blessing of Abraham upon the Gentiles: Promise of the Spirit through Faith

We would be one of the stars Abraham saw when God declared him righteous

- **God's Unilateral Covenant with Abraham:** I will do all the work

Genesis 15:5 Then [God] brought [Abraham] outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."6 And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness...8 And [Abraham] said, "Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?" 9 So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10 Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. 11 And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. 12 Now **when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram;** and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him. [*This is what I am going to do*] 13 Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. 14 And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. 15 Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age... 17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. 18 On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants **I have given** this land... [NOTE: past tense]

▪ **Two-Fold Promise to Abraham**

1. **Descendants:** As the stars of the sky saved by faith [me and you]
2. **Land:** Descendants be raised up in physical Israel for Millennial Kingdom

▪ **Covenant:** lit *to cut*

1. Usually two parties hold hands/walk through cut animals in agreement
2. Here only One passed through...**God Himself**

This was a Unilateral Covenant: 2 Parties but only one obligation. God's

- What was Abraham doing when God cut the deal? Listening/Believing
- What do we do as God promises Eternal Life in Jesus? Listen/Believe

Abraham's Big Faith in a Big God. Abraham believed God

- God told Abraham to leave everything he knew in Babylon...

Genesis 12:4 So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him.

And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

- God told Abraham he would be the Father of many Nations...75, 85, 95 and nothing

Hebrews 11:12 [yet at 100] ... from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

- God told Abe his son Isaac would be his heir. Then God said to kill him...

Genesis 22:4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and **we will come back to you.**" ...**7b** Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" **8 And Abraham said...**

My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering

- God told Abraham that a substitute would be provided **and Abraham believed God**

Genesis 22:11 But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." 12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." 13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind *him* was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. **14** And Abraham called the name of the place, [The-**Lord-Will-Provide**

- **God provided** His only begotten Son in our Place for our sin.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For [God the Father] made [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

God told Abraham that a substitute would be provided
Abraham believed God and was declared righteous

- Paul goes back to Abraham for this simple Truth... **The Just will Live by Faith**
- It is our responsibility to be ready to present the Gospel clearly as the curtain closes

Salvation by Grace alone through Faith alone in Christ alone

- Want to be one of the stars in the sky Abraham saw? Believe God.
 1. God says all have sinned including you
 2. God says the penalty for sin is death
 3. God says Jesus died in your place
 4. God says Jesus rose from the dead

God says if you simply believe in Him/**believe Him** you will have Eternal Life

John 3:16 ... God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Galatians believed legalists false-teaching: Must become a Jew to be saved...

Galatians 3:1 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?

Believed/Saved/Received the Spirit of God

What happened?

- Striving to earn God's favor by rituals/own effort
- Competing w/one another rather than loving one another

III. Changeless Promise The Law does not Disqualify the Promise

15 Brethren...

- Brethren or Foolish Galatians?

Proverbs 27:5 Open rebuke is better Than love carefully concealed.

We do not really like rebuke. We are inherently inclined to resent it. The fact that we really deserve it or need it, does not make it pleasant... moreover, our dislike of rebuke leads us to think that those who love us **serve us well when they are silent** in the presence of our shortcomings... [yet] Love that hides itself, professes not to see, perhaps does not see, and so remains silent, is **love on a very low level**. [Morgan]

- Paul spoke the Truth in Love to those he calls his brethren

Context: Abraham simply believed God's promise and was declared righteous

15b [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.

If even promises between men are kept for the most part...

What about a Promise directly from God?

Galatians 3:8b [Promise?] ... "In you all the nations shall be blessed."

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**.

- Note how one letter is so important in the Word

Genesis 22:18 In your **seed** [singular] all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

- **If seeds:** All of Abrahams physical descendants would be saved...not true
- **SEED:** In Jesus is the fulfillment of the promise to Abraham: **All nations blessed**

God to Abraham: People from every nation will be blessed by your Seed/Multitudes as numerous as the stars will be **saved by faith** in One of your descendant **Jesus Christ**

- **Look up at the sky Abraham:** That is my covenant/promise to you...

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.**

God gave Moses the Law 430 after Promise; i.e., **430+ Years after Abe was saved**

So, the Bilateral Covenant of the Law of Moses "You do good/I bless. You do bad/I curse"
... does not annul the Unilateral Promise given earlier...

"Only believe that I can and I will save you apart from your effort"

If the inheritance offered to Abraham was on the basis of law, it might not be permanent – because it would depend, at least in part, on Abraham's keeping of the law. But since the inheritance was offered on the basis of promise, God's promise, it stands sure. [Guzik]

God promised Abraham an Inheritance And Abraham believed God

SUMMARY The Changeless Promise We are saved as Abraham by believing God's Promise: I will send a Savior to do what you cannot. If we are saved by works it would no longer be grace. Rom. 11:6

IV. Purpose of the Law

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.**

▪ **Law of God**

1. **Appointed through angels:** To deliver the Law to Moses on Mt. Sinai [Acts 7:52]
2. **Law given by a Mediator:** Moses the go-between of God and the people

Exodus 20:19 Mount Sinai/lightning/trumpets/smoke] Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but **let not God speak with us, lest we die.**"

▪ **Law useful before Jesus came 1300 years later...**

1. Law was given to restrain man's sin Which it could not do
2. Law was given to reveal man's sin **Which is all it could do**

Law was given to condemn all men until Jesus came to save

God's Light/Revelation demands a human response/decision

- After the Law people were held accountable for their sin

John 15:22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

- **The Law** needed a mediator [Moses] because **fallible man was one of the**

parties!

- **The Promise** did not need a mediator. It was a unilateral promise given/kept by God

No mediator is needed for a Unilateral Promise... **but God is one.**

... the law is **two-sided**. The law was mediated, and this means that man was a party to it. The promise, on the other hand, is unilateral; man is not a party to it." [Boice]

The Law was bi-lateral and obligated two sides, God/man. **The Promise** was Unilateral.

- **Law was added at the Exodus of Israel from Egypt**

1. People not knowing right from wrong on way to Promised Land
2. People to be set apart from godless idolaters they would encounter
3. 613 Moral/Ceremonial/Societal Laws

The Law was given 430 years **after the Promise** to Abraham because men sin/that they would know their sin/that they would offer sacrifices for sin in order to cover their sin until the Seed; descendant of Abraham would come and **take away sin** by dying on a cross. [NJC]

Galatians 4:4 ...when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law... [Who fulfilled the law]

- **Law of God**

1. Added after the Promise
2. Not to disqualify the Promise
3. To fulfill the promise by convicting all men

1 Timothy 2:3b... God our Savior, 4... desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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.

- **The Law of God:** Cannot save man, cannot perfect man, cannot keep man from sinning

Q. So what purpose does the Law serve? Condemn us/Cause pain

Lead us/drive us/compel us to get right by coming to Jesus by faith

22 But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

- **Confined:** Shut up/Enclose completely, Fish in a net

Far from being the gateway into a glorious liberty, [the law] turns out to be a jailor, shutting people up. The result is that the only way of escape was through faith. [Morris]

- Every human being born confined/tangled up in net of condemnation through the Law

Romans 3:23 ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

The Law simply confirms a basic truth: We are all sinners

- **Causes those condemned by the Law to cry out...**

1. **As Peter** To whom shall I go?
2. **As Paul** Who will save me from this body of death?

...And trust the in the Promise of Salvation by Grace alone by Faith alone in Christ alone

The Law drives us into the arms of Jesus screaming "Help!"

When the Law drives you to the point of despair, let it drive you a little farther, let it drive you straight **into the arms of Jesus** who says: 'Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'" [Luther]

- The Law confines us waiting for the due penalty for sinning against a Holy God...

Paul paints a picture of imprisonment. The bars of the cell are sin, keeping us confined. The Scripture put us in the prison, because it pointed out our sinful condition. So, we sit imprisoned by sin, and the law cannot help us, because the law put us in the prison. [Guzik]

23 But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.

- The Law guarded us against the **self-deceit of self-righteousness**
- The Law caused us to face our sin and **seek a Savior**

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.

This is our relation to the law of God. We learn from it; we remember our lessons from it, but we don't live under the law. [Guzik]

Romans 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Acts 13:39 ...by [Jesus] everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

- Law was Torturous Teacher/ Harsh Tutor yet kind enough to lead us to Jesus. Why?
 1. That he [the Law] might retire
 2. That we might be justified by faith and walk in the Spirit...

Romans 7:6 ... we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.

Delivered from the Law [Tutor]/Delivered to Jesus

John the Baptist prepared those waiting in hope/the New Wineskins for the New Wine of the Spirit. Prepared by the Law by leading to Repentance and Faith in the only One who can save...Jesus

SUMMARY Purpose of the Law. Cause us to get right w/God only by coming to Jesus by faith

After faith has come, we are no longer under a tutelage/bondage of the Law
Now free to live by the Spirit as sons/daughters of the Living God

- What is the point of all this talk about the law not being able to save?
 1. For the unbeliever: To reveal their need for a savior.
 2. For the believer: Move us to last 2 chapters of Galatians regarding real Life
- Learning how to **naturally supernaturally** walk in God's spirit in this crazy world
- Not keeping lists of right wrong/not focused on how we're doing but what Jesus did
- Living with no condemnation in the freedom Jesus purchased for us...

...Walking with God as did Adam and Eve before the fall... In the cool of the day...Before eating Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Before shame. Before guilt. Just living.

For we are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus

They Apostles asked Jesus to teach them to pray...we ask Him **"Teach us to walk in Your Spirit"**

- Disingrained [new word] from worldly methods of self-help
- Disengaged from former ways of thinking...trying harder to do better, be better

Paul isn't saying not to do good/not to be Holy...what he is saying to the Galatians is you are taking the wrong approach to get there...The Law can't get you there from here. [NJC]

- We receive the Spirit when we believe/it is He that transforms ...**Metamorphosis**

Romans 12:1 ... present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

- **Transformed:** Not Conformed/not Reformed, Not a changed heart/New one

Working Definition of Walking in the Spirit: Not continuously evaluating how we are doing, not focusing on ourselves at all...but allowing the Spirit to take complete control as we focus only on pleasing Jesus demonstrated by loving others [NJC]

- **We don't really know how we are doing...**

1 Corinthians 4:3... it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, **I do not even judge myself.** 4 For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord.

- **After studying the Book of Galatians, we might say...**

I didn't think there was anything else to learn...but I guess there is. I thought I knew it all... but I guess I don't. [NJC]

- Last week...

Galatians 3:24 ...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.

- The Law wants to retire. On his last day of work he wants to **drop us off with Jesus**

**We are no longer slaves to right/wrong worldly mentality
but sons walking in the freedom of the Spirit of God**

V. Sons of God

26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

- Only those saved by faith in Jesus are sons of God
 1. Buddhists are not sons of God
 2. Hindus are not sons of God
 3. Muslims are not sons of God... they are creations of God not sons

The fatherhood of God is common to all believers; but there is no universal fatherhood, as many teach it in these days. [Spurgeon]

- From Enemies of God to sons of the Living God by faith

27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Baptized? All In. Submerged. Immersed. Pickled in Christ after believing

- **Baptized into Christ** Not into an organization but immersed in Jesus
- **You have put on Christ** Covered w/His righteousness when you believed

You now have a new identity: Be who you are...a child of God

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.

Good News: Jesus Erased the Dividing Lines
All One in Christ!

- Line Between Man and God
- Line Between Jew/Gentile
- Line Between Men/Woman
- Line Between Black/White
- Lines Between each other... **All Erased by the Blood of Christ!**

**Denominations do not exist in Heaven
Racism does not exist in Christ**

Colossians 3:11 ... there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but **Christ is all and in all.**

- And we are **all one in Christ** Jesus v 28

Your faith in Jesus puts us all on level ground at the Cross. All pickled in the same jar
No competition...but a beautiful restored relationship w/our Father and love for His kids

- **One in Christ...**

29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

We who are saved by faith in Jesus are one family
Sons/Daughters of Abraham and Sons/Daughters of the Living God

- **Q. Are you Christ's? If the answer is yes...**
 1. You are a Spiritual Descendant of Abraham
 2. You are one of the stars he saw/was promised
 3. **You are a Son/Daughter of the Living God**
- **Heirs of Abraham's Promise:** Right of Sonship/Inheritance of the Father

SUMMARY Sons of God [Continued Ch.4]