

Galatians 3:1-14

The Faith of Abraham...		Galatians 3:1-14
<p>Intro: 2:1. Leave to gain ratio.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trend of movement into RCC, E.O., etc. • The why? • For some, the ritual elements of salvation 	<p>Review: Paul writes to the Galatian churches warning and scolding them for falling into the Judaizer heresy. The primary point has been that our salvation has been through faith and faith alone; that this is not a man made idea but from God.</p>	<p>Today: Paul brings the receipts. Not only does he continue his claim of salvation through faith, but he will show evidence of (their) historical claim to such.</p>
<p>Galatians 3:1-14 “O foolish Galatians” <i>stop here to explain; Paul was not happy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Abraham is the chosen example because Jews and Gentiles recognized him as the father of Israel.</i> 		
<p>1. The Rhetorical Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V. 1 You know the truth, why are you acting foolish? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Paul states his proclamation of the gospel was so clear it was as if they had been there • V. 2-3 You have the Holy Spirit, so now you need the Law? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Of course they received the Spirit by “hearing in faith”. They are Gentiles, they did not follow the Law. So now the logic is clear, sanctification cannot be by the law • V. 6 Does God work miracles because you follow the Law? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ OT example God worked even when Israel did not follow the Law. 	<p>2. The Law of Death</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V. 10 The curse of the Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ In order to be righteous, one must follow the Law perfectly. Deut. 27:26 • V. 11-12 Righteous in Faith <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Paul quotes two OT passages about what we live by Hab. 2:4 & Lev. 18:5. You live by works or by faith... • V. 13 Faith in Jesus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Our righteousness is in faith in Jesus, who saved us from the curse of the Law by taking the curse on him. Deut 21:23 Note 22: speaks of crime worthy of death. What is sin if not a crime against God 	<p>3. The Faith of Abraham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V. 6 Abraham believed in God, not the Law Genesis 15:5-6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ In fact Abraham was not even an Israelite • V. 8 The promise to Abraham was for all <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ All means all, especially since there is no Jewish nation Gen. 12:3 • V. 9 & 14 Through Christ & the Holy Spirit, this promise is fulfilled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Verse 7 says we are sons of Abraham Romans 11:17
<p>Conclusion: Eph 2:8 “For by grace...” There is nothing you can do to work toward salvation. Let no one deceive you of the necessity of works. <u>Stay faithful to God’s word!</u></p>		

References:

Deut. 27:26 “Cursed be anyone who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

Romans 3:21-23 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— **22** the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, *Bonus*

Habakkuk 2:4 “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

Leviticus 18:5 You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

Deuteronomy 21:23: 22 “And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, **23** his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance.

Genesis 15:5-6 And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”**6** And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Genesis 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Romans 11:17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree,