

The Faith of Abraham

Galatians 3:6-15

- ⁶Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. ⁷Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. ⁸And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. ⁹So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.
- ¹⁰For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. ¹¹But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. ¹²And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.
- ¹³Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: ¹⁴That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
- ¹⁵Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.

Review: The 5 Questions to the Galatians

1. Who misled (bewitched) you?
2. Were you saved by works or faith?
3. Are you being perfected (matured) through law or walking by faith in the Spirit?
4. Was the persecution for Christ in vain?
5. Does God move because we appease Him through works, or as we walk by faith?

O.T. Quotations in Galatians 3

- 3:6-7 quotes Genesis 15:6
- 3:8-9 quotes Genesis 12:3
- 3:10 quotes Deuteronomy 27:26
- 3:11 quotes Habakkuk 2:4
- 3:12 quotes Leviticus 18:5
- 3:13-14 quotes Deuteronomy 21:23
- Paul's point is that the Law and Old Testament show that justification comes by faith.

- V6- **accounted** — *elogisthe* from *logizomai* — to reckon, to put on someones account.
Here it is passive, God is the active one in the accounting, Abraham received the blessings.
- V6 **righteousness** — to be placed in a state acceptable to God
- HOW? **Faith**

- V8 **foresee** — The use of this word indicates that faith based justification is a timeless principle.
- V13 **redeem** — to purchase, remove from a market and set free. The redemption that Christ brings is complete and eternal. Jesus redeems us, then gives a righteousness that we cannot manufacture ourselves. This righteousness, that satisfies God, is imputed to us by the grace of God.

