

Galatians: Salvation from Beginning to End

3:1-14 "The Faith of Abraham"

How does salvation begin?

- The process for salvation:
 - The gospel is **proclaimed**.
 - The sinner **trusts** Christ.
 - God **justifies** the sinner.
- If salvation is begun by faith, it will continue by **faith**.

The Works of the Law versus the Hearing of Faith

- Paul's **dualism** is ethical, not metaphysical.
 - Ethical – concerning the **moral** implications of action
 - Flesh – sinful, bad, ungodly
 - Spirit – righteous, good, godly
 - Metaphysical – concerning the **composition** (being) of things
 - Flesh – the **material** part of a human.
 - Spirit – the **immaterial** part of a human.
- Works of the law are the things we do that **originate** in man.
- Hearing of faith (or of the spirit) are things that **originate** in God.

The Faith of Abraham

- God presented the **gospel** to Abraham
- Abraham **believed** the gospel.
- God counted Abraham **righteous**.

The Two Covenants (Where we ever saved by works?)

- The default relationship of man to God is based on **obedience**. This is the Covenant of Works.
- God has always saved sinners by his Covenant of **Grace**.
- God's covenant with Abraham was a **prophecy** of the future covenant of Grace.

The Covenant of Grace

- Jesus became the curse for sinners, **representing** them in their sin.
- Through faith in Jesus we **participate** in his new covenant.
- We are, therefore, saved by the **same** covenant as Abraham.
- Entrance into this covenant is based solely on **faith** in Christ.