

## Paul's Letter to the Galatians Galatians 3:1-29

***Implication: If Jews were not made right through Torah, then Gentiles do not need Torah to be made right.***

### Galatians 3:1-6 CSB

*You foolish Galatians! Who has cast a spell on you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? I only want to learn this from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning by the Spirit, are you now finishing by the flesh? Did you experience so much for nothing — if in fact it was for nothing? So then, does God give you the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law? Or is it by believing what you heard — just like Abraham who believed God, and it was credited to him for righteousness?*

### ***Allegiance to King Jesus is Sufficient***

#### ***1. They have experienced the Spirit (3:1-6)***

### Galatians 3:7-9 CSB

*You know, then, that those who have faith, these are Abraham's sons. Now the Scripture saw in advance that God would justify the Gentiles by faith and proclaimed the gospel ahead of time to Abraham, saying, All the nations will be blessed through you. Consequently those who have faith are blessed with Abraham, who had faith.*

#### ***2. Their faith links them to Abraham (3:7-9)***

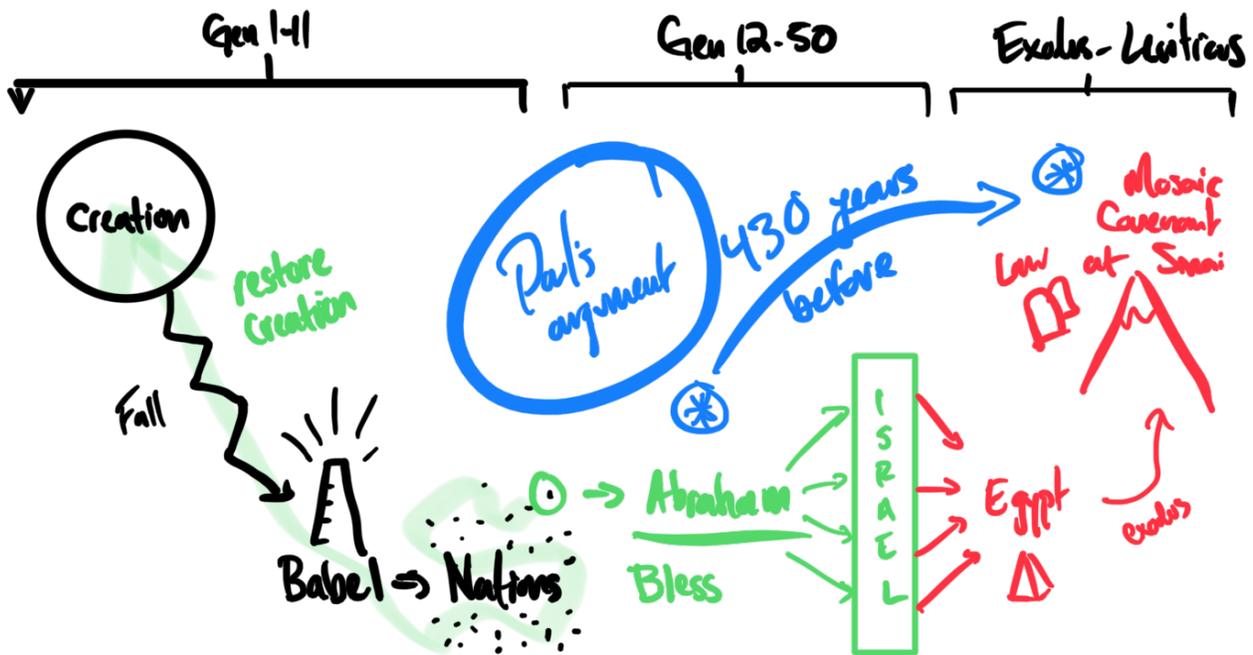
### Genesis 12:1-3 CSB

*The LORD said to Abram: Go from your land, your relatives, and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, I will curse anyone who treats you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you.*

### Galatians 3:17-18 CSB

*My point is this: The law, which came 430 years later, does not invalidate a covenant previously established by God and thus cancel the promise. For if the inheritance is based on the law, it is no longer based on the promise; but God has graciously given it to Abraham through the promise.*

#### ***3. God's promise to Abraham takes precedent over Torah (3:10-18)***



**"Why then was the Law given?"**

Galatians 3:19 CSB

*Why then was the law given? It was added for the sake of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise was made would come.*

Galatians 3:24 CSB

*The law, then, was our **guardian (paidagōgos)** until Christ, so that we could be justified by faith.*

***Allegiance to King Jesus is sufficient. Their experience of the Spirit and the story of scripture support this.***

Galatians 3:25-29 CSB

*But since that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for through faith (emphasize) you are all sons of God in Christ Jesus. For those of you who were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ. There is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female; since you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, heirs according to the promise.*

***Seek unity with fellow followers of Jesus. To say that we could be right with God and not right with our brothers and sisters, that is a distortion of the gospel.***

“Paul would say that if the church is not united...then there is no reason why the watching world should take us seriously for a minute. That is, of course, what has happened. Christianity is relegated to the status of a private hobby... But if Paul’s gospel is true, then, as he says in Ephesians 3, the very existence of the single Abraham family, cutting across social, cultural, gender, and ethnic boundaries, is the sign to the world that God is God, that Jesus is Lord.” – N. T. Wright, *Galatians*, 292.

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