

# Oak Hill Baptist Church



## Heirs According to Promise

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The Book of Galatians / Galatians 3:15–29

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### Human Relations

#### Galatians 3:15–18 NASB95

Brethren, I speak in terms of human relations: even though it is *only* a man's covenant, yet when it has been ratified, no one sets it aside or adds conditions to it. Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as *referring* to many, but *rather* to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ. What I am saying is this: the Law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not invalidate a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. For if the inheritance is based on law, it is no longer based on a promise; but God has granted it to Abraham by means of a promise.

**Ratified** - κυρώω (kyroō): vb.; ≡ Str 2964; TDNT 3.1098—1. LN 76.18 validate, ratify, establish a covenant ([Gal 3:15+](#));

**Promise** - ἐπαγγελία (epangelia), ας (as), ἡ (hē): n.fem.; ≡ Str 1860; TDNT 2.576—1. LN 33.288 a promise ([Lk 24:49](#); [Ro 4:13](#); [15:8](#); [Gal 3:18](#); [Eph 1:13](#); [2Ti 1:1](#); [Heb 4:1](#); [2Pe 3:4](#); [1Jn 2:25](#); [1Ti 1:1](#) v.r.); 2. LN 33.280 agreement, consent approval ([Ac 23:21+](#))

#### Galatians 3:7 NASB95

Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.

#### Galatians 3:16 NASB95

Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as *referring* to many, but *rather* to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ.

#### Genesis 12:3 NASB95

And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

**Genesis 17:2 NASB95**

“I will establish My covenant between Me and you, And I will multiply you exceedingly.”

**Genesis 12:1–3 NASB95**

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father’s house, To the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

**Through Faith**

**Galatians 3:19–29 NASB95**

Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made. Now a mediator is not for one *party only*; whereas God is *only* one. Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law. But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. Therefore the Law has become our tutor *to lead us* to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to promise.

**Transgressions** - παράβασις (parabasis), εως (eōs), ἡ (hē): n.fem.; ≡ Str 3847; TDNT

5.739—LN 36.28 transgression, a breaking, violation ([Ro 2:23](#); [4:15](#); [5:14](#); [Gal 3:19](#); [1Ti 2:14](#); [Heb 2:2](#); [9:15](#)+)

**Ordained** - διατάσσω (diatassō): vb.; ≡ Str 1299; TDNT 8.34—1. LN 33.325 command, give detailed instruction, tell what to do ([Lk 8:55](#))

**Angel** - ἄγγελος (angelos), ου (ou), ὁ (ho): n.masc.; ≡ DBLHebr 4855; Str 32; TDNT

1.74—1. LN 33.195 messenger ([Mt 11:10](#); [Mk 1:2](#); [Lk 7:24](#), [27](#); [9:52](#); [2Co 12:7](#); possibly [Rev 2—](#)

[3](#)); 2. LN 12.28 angel, i.e., a class of being that is a servant of the Lord, and functions as a messenger ([Mt 1:20](#); [Lk 1:28](#) v.r.; 22:43 v.r.)

**Mediator** - 3542 μεσίτης (mesitēs), ου (ou), ό (ho): n.masc.; ≡ Str 3316; TDNT 4.598—

1. LN 31.22 mediator ([Gal 3:19](#), [20](#); [1Ti 2:5](#); [Heb 8:6](#); [9:15](#); [12:24](#)+); 2. LN 40.6 reconciler ([1Ti 2:5](#)+) )

### **Acts 7:53 NASB95**

you who received the law as ordained by angels, and *yet* did not keep it.”

### **Hebrews 2:2 NASB95**

For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty,

### **Deuteronomy 33:2 NASB95**

He said, “The LORD came from Sinai, And dawned on them from Seir; He shone forth from Mount Paran, And He came from the midst of ten thousand holy ones; At His right hand there was flashing lightning for them.

### **Psalms 68:17 NASB95**

The chariots of God are myriads, thousands upon thousands; The Lord is among them *as at* Sinai, in holiness.