

GALATIANS
Faith Brings Righteousness
Galatians 3:1-14
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For two-thousand years you have believed and practiced what the rabbis instructed you to do.

Jesus came and challenged the Law not to destroy it but to fulfill it like no one thought it could be.

FAITH OR WORKS

You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? 2 This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? 4 Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? 5 So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?

Galatians 3:1-5 NAS

Grace is a gift not accompanied by any amount of obedience.
Works is relying on your perfect actions from the beginning.
It is either/or but it cannot be both.

The death of Christ to pay our debt is the central message of the Christian faith.

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

Even so Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. 7 Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.

8 The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the nations will be blessed in you.” 9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.

Galatians 3:6-9 NAS

Abraham believed God and God credited to him as righteousness.

All Old Testament people who believed in God would be granted that same credit.

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:21 NAS

Abraham’s true children are those saved by faith.

THE CURSE OF THE LAW

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” 11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” 12 But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit[e] through faith.

Galatians 3:10-14 ESV

The Law condemns itself.

Habakkuk 2:4 says ‘the righteous shall live by his faith.’

The curse of the law was overcome by Jesus to satisfy the justice of God. All who believe will be justified. Christ is the only possible means of salvation. (Acts 4:12)