GALATIANS
God's Promise To Abraham
Galatians 3:15-29
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The way we worship God can become traditional. It is important to remember why we worship God.

GOD CALLED ABRAHAM
God made a promise to Abraham and he believed God and God reckoned it to him as righteousness. Meaning Abraham had a right relationship with God.

On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram
Genesis 15:18a.

THE PROMISE
To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. 16 Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. 17 This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. 18 For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.
Galatians 3:15-18 ESV

The promise is a unilateral agreement made by God to benefit Abraham.

For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, 14 saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." 15 And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. Hebrews 6:13-15 ESV

God's promise of justification by faith is permanent.

THE LAW VERSES THE PROMISE
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. 20 Now a mediator is not for one party only; whereas God is only one. 21 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. 22 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.
Galatians 3:19-22 NAS

The Law shows us that we need a Savior.

God has given both the Law and the Promise.
The Law to show us our need.
The Promise to cover our debt of violating the Law.

ABRAHAM'S FAMILY
Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. Galatians 3:23-29 ESV

The Law is meant to restrain us until the Promise frees us. Our justification (being cleared of all wrong doing) comes by faith in Jesus.

Before you were under the Law. As a believer you are under grace.

With union in Christ we become one with all believers of the past. Thereby we are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the Promise God gave Abraham.