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Galatians Chapter Three

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Galatians 3:6 (ESV)

(You) Hear with faith— ⁶ just as **Abraham** "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"? ⁷ Know then that it is those of faith who are **the sons of Abraham**.

Paul cannot believe how off base this church was!

Galatians 3:1 (ESV)

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you?

Paul wants to put these senseless Christians back on track. Here in Galatians Chapter three, he clarifies the truth that he taught them in the beginning!

Paul lays the foundation for their faith going back to 2,000BC, the very beginning of Scripture in Genesis Chapter 12 and identifies Abraham as the example of faith.

Galatians 3:6 (ESV)

(You are to) Hear with faith— ⁶ just as **Abraham** "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness". ⁷ Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.

All Mankind through faith are sons of Abraham. Significant because we see at the very beginning God is interested reconciling all mankind to Himself through faith. The OT Scriptures in the very beginning record that God would bless all nations through faith like Abraham's faith!

Galatians 3:8 (ESV)

And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." (Gen.12:8)

Through Abraham all people will be blessed! The reconciling factor for all mankind will be from Abraham and through faith like Abraham's faith! Galatians 3:9 (ESV)

So then, those **who are of faith** are blessed along with **Abraham, the man of faith.**

Faith is hearing what God says and acting on it! Abraham:

Genesis 15:6 (ESV)

And **he believed the LORD**, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

All Believers:

Acts 16:31 (ESV)

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.

There is a clear distinction between the Law (following rules) and Faith (hearing God and acting on what we heard)!

Galatians 3:10-11 (ESV)

For all who rely on works of the law are **under a curse!**11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."

Relying on the Law brings a curse. On the cross Jesus took care of the curse due us for failing to keep the Law! Jesus died on the cross in our place paying the penalty by becoming a curse for us!

Galatians 3:13-14 (ESV)

¹³ Christ redeemed us from **the curse of the law** by becoming a curse for us — ¹⁴ **so that** in Christ Jesus **the blessing of Abraham** might come to the Gentiles, **so that** we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Jesus became a curse for us "so that" we would receive the blessing of Abraham and receive the Holy Spirit.

Key: The blessing of Abraham is that all nations will be blessed through Abraham. This blessing comes to Mankind through Abraham's seed.

Galatians 3:16 (ESV)

Now the promises were made to **Abraham** and to his offspring (seed). It does not say, "And to offsprings (seeds)," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring (seed)," who is Christ.

Key: The offspring of Abraham that blesses the entire world is Jesus. Therefore trusting Jesus as Abraham trusted God, we receive the blessing of Abraham. What about the Law? The Law (all the religious rules) came 430 years after Abraham and does not override the promise given to Abraham!

Galatians 3:17 (ESV)

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.

Key: The law was necessary to keep things under control until Jesus came to forgive us and empowered us.

Galatians 3:19 (ESV)

Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, <u>until</u> the offspring (seed/Christ) should come to whom the promise had been made.

Key: With a faith like Abraham we believe in Jesus Christ! By believing in Jesus, we are reconciled to God and empowered by the Holy Spirit and have eternal life!

Galatians 3:25-26 (ESV)

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.**

Key: Through faith in Jesus we are Sons of God! Answer to everything! New World Order! New national, racial, social, cultural, gender, and family identity! New eternal unity! One answer and the only answer for all the ills that plague the entire world and the human race is JESUS CHRIST!

Through Jesus everything changes! Jesus creates a new people, a new social order, a new kingdom.

Galatians 3:28 (ESV)

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.**

This was in God's mind from the very beginning being first demonstrated by the faith exhibited by Abraham!

Galatians 3:29 (ESV)

And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring (seed), heirs according to promise.

All believers are children of Abraham by exhibiting the same as Abraham. Our faith is in Jesus making us sons of God.

THE ANSWER TO EVRYTHING!

2Cor.5:21 (NIV)

God made HIM who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in HIM we might become the righteousness of God.

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.