

GALATIANS

leaving **legalism** to embrace **freedom**

Galatians 3:1-14

#5 The Accomplishments of Christ

- I. **The Experience of the Galatians: Using five rhetorical questions, Paul confronted the Galatians to bring them back to justification by faith alone – Galatians 3:1-5.**
 - A. Question #1. Who cast such a spell over you, leading you astray – Gal. 3:1?
 - B. Question #2. How did you receive the Holy Spirit, by works or by faith – Gal. 3:2?
 - C. Question #3. How will you mature, by works or by faith – Gal. 3:3?
 - D. Question #4. Did you suffer in vain – Gal. 3:4?
 - E. Question #5. Does God perform miracles on the basis of works or faith – Gal. 3:5?

- II. **The Example of Abraham: Using Abraham as the premier example, Paul demonstrated that God’s plan had always been based on justification by faith alone – Galatians 3:6-9.**
 - A. Father Abraham. Abraham was declared righteous for his faith in God and not on the basis of adhering to the Law – Gal. 3:6.
 - B. Abraham’s Lineage. Proclaimed in Genesis 12, the true offspring of Abraham are all who are born of faith regardless of nationality – Gal. 3:7-8.
 - C. Abraham’s Blessings. Only those who are in the spiritual line of Abraham receive the blessings of being his true spiritual children – Gal. 3:9.

- III. **The Effectiveness of Jesus: Considering the sufficiency of Jesus’ substitutionary death, Paul articulated that the curse of the Law had been fulfilled, allowing for Gentiles to be justified by faith – Galatians 3:10-14.**
 - A. The Curse. A person attempting to earn his righteousness through perfect obedience to the Law is under divine judgment because the righteous live by faith – Gal. 3:10-11.
 - B. Mutually Exclusive. The pathways of Law and faith are both distinct and determinative – Gal. 3:12.
 - C. The Solution. Through His substitutionary death on the cross, Jesus paid the penalty of the curse for failing to fulfill the demands of the Law – Gal. 3:13.
 - D. The Fruit. Through the cross, Jesus accomplished a path for Gentiles to be justified before God on the basis of faith – Gal. 3:14.

Next Week

Galatians 3:15-25 – #6 The Promise of the True Gospel