

Galatians 3

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3 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? (They were taught the truth. Then in a short time, they fell back to the traditions and doctrines of men. They abandoned the truth of God's Word)

²This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? (Did the law save you, or did faith in Jesus give you salvation?)

³Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? (perfect= mature) (The answer is no. They should have known better)

⁴Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain. (Did you learn God's Word all for nothing? Only to turn back to traditions of men)

⁵He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? (God performed miracles through Christian teachers like Paul, not by the law. That should have been proof enough for them)

⁶Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. (God blessed Abraham because he believed)

⁷Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. (He will also bless you IF you believe – in the salvation of Jesus Christ)

⁸And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. Genesis-12:3 (Foretelling that God would later come as Jesus; and open salvation to all people who will believe on Him and repent)

⁹So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. (That's how Abraham was made father of many nations; not just Israelites) Isaiah-7:14

¹⁰ For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. (If all we had was the law, no one would make it. We are all sinners. It is through the salvation of Jesus Christ that we receive forgiveness when we repent of our sins)

¹¹ But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. Habakuk-2:4 (The law could only save us if we never sinned)

¹² And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. (The law is absolute. You either make it or you don't. It is faith in Jesus' salvation that allows us to repent and get right with God)

¹³ Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: Deuteronomy-21:23 (Jesus "hung on a tree" when he was crucified on a wooden Roman cross, for our salvation. HE became our kinsman redeemer. HE died to redeem us from our sins)

¹⁴ That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Ezekiel-11:19

¹⁵ Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. (confirmed= contractual, a legal agreement) (A contract is a contract – with man or with God. Jesus <God in the flesh> gave us a new contract – the New Testament. It is not breakable, nor can you go back to the old contract of blood ordinances)

¹⁶ Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. (God <as Christ> fulfilled His promise to Abraham – through Abraham's seed would come a Blessing to many nations. The Blessing was Jesus and His salvation)

¹⁷ And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

¹⁸ For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. (The law <10 Commandments> is the

rules and the guide. It is salvation and repentance that does the saving (if a law was broken) see 1 Epistle of John-3:4

¹⁹ Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. (Gabriel came to Mary to bring the promise that God made to Abraham)

²⁰ Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.

²¹ Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. (The law is the set of rules. It does not bring life; because not one of us has never broken a commandment. We would all fail if it wasn't for the salvation that Christ gave us)

²² But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. (That is our road to salvation)

²³ But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. (Those that died before Jesus came didn't make it. That's why HE went to those held <the prisoners> to offer them salvation, after He was crucified. Many believed on Him and were saved)

²⁴ Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. (The law <10 Commandments> is still in effect. It tells us right from wrong)

²⁵ But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. (We are no longer under the statutes and ordinances of punishment for breaking the law. We are now under Christ's salvation if we repent and change our ways)

²⁶ For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Matthew-5:18 (Jesus added salvation to replace the Old Testament penalties for breaking the law. He didn't do away with the law itself. Now Jews and Gentiles are able to join Christianity and receive salvation)

²⁷ For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (With your baptism into Christianity came the salvation that Jesus gave us)

²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. (One Christian family under Jesus Christ)

²⁹ And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Christianity is the one spiritual family that God promised Abraham. Abraham didn't do it; Christ did)