

Galatians Recap

Chapter Three Paul makes the distinct argument that Jesus is the “seed” or child deriving from Abraham and is the promise of God to Abraham. Those who believe in Jesus in faith are free from the curse of the law and are heirs of God’s promise in Jesus Christ.

Key Verse in Chapter 3: Galatians 3:9
Verse 9

NIV: 9 So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

NLT: 9 So all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith.

Key Questions

Why was the Holy Spirit given?

Galatians 3:5

NIV: 5 So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard

NLT: 5 I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law? Of course not! It is because you believe the message you heard about Christ.

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Gal 2:15-16

NIV: 15 “We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles 16 know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in^[a] Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

NLT: 15 “You and I are Jews by birth, not ‘sinners’ like the Gentiles. 16 Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law.”

Example Galatians 6:3
Abraham believed God counted him righteous because of his faith

The real children of Abraham are those who put their faith in God Verse 7

Why is this important?

The curse for those who depend on the law

Curse is anyone who depends on the law

Deuteronomy 27:26

NIV: 26 “Cursed is anyone who does not uphold the words of this law by carrying them out.”

NLT: 26 ‘Cursed is anyone who does not affirm and obey the terms of these instructions.’

Why are they cursed?

Because if you don’t fulfill the whole law you live under the curse.

The answer in verse 13

NIV: 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 hung on a pole.”

NLT: 13 Christ bought us with His blood and made us free from the Law. In that way, the Law could not punish us. Christ did this by carrying the load and by being punished instead of us. It is written, “Anyone who hangs on a cross is hated and punished.”

How?

When he was hung on the cross

Deuteronomy 21:23

NIV: 23 You must not leave the body hanging on the pole overnight. Be sure to bury it that same day, because anyone who is hung on a pole is under God’s curse. You must not desecrate the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance.

NLT: 23 The body must not remain hanging from the tree overnight. You must bury the body that same day, for anyone who is hung^[a] is cursed in the sight of God. In this way, you will prevent the defilement of the land the Lord your God is giving you as your special possession.

Verse 14

NIV: 14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

NLT: 14 Because of the price Christ Jesus paid, the good things that came to Abraham might come to the people who are not Jews. And by putting our trust in Christ, we receive the Holy Spirit He has promised.

We received the same blessings of Abraham through faith we will receive the holy spirit

Beginning conversation of inheritance

Verse 15-18

NIV: 15 Brothers and sisters, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. 16 The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people, but “and to your seed,”^[i] meaning one person, who is Christ. 17 What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. 18 For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise.

NLT: 15 Dear brothers and sisters,^[i] here’s an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or amend an irrevocable agreement, so it is in this case. 16 God gave the promises to Abraham and his child.^[j] And notice that the Scripture doesn’t say “to his children,^[k]” as if it meant many descendants. Rather, it says “to his child”—and that, of course, means Christ. 17 This is what I am trying to say: The agreement God made with Abraham could not be canceled 430 years later when God gave the law to Moses. God would be breaking his promise. 18 For if the inheritance could be received by keeping the law, then it would not be the result of accepting God’s promise. But God graciously gave it to Abraham as a promise.

The promise of Abraham was given through his “child” (seed)
Gen 12:7 and 13:15

NIV: 7 The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring^[c] I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

NLT: 7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your descendants.^[a]” And Abram built an altar there and dedicated it to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

NIV: 13 Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you.”

14 When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that Sarai was a very beautiful woman. 15 And when Pharaoh's officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace.

NLT: 13 So please tell them you are my sister. Then they will spare my life and treat me well because of their interest in you."

14 And sure enough, when Abram arrived in Egypt, everyone noticed Sarai's beauty. 15 When the palace officials saw her, they sang her praises to Pharaoh, their king, and Sarai was taken into his palace.

The true seed is Christ. A line that would lead to Christ. Those who would have faith in God would be apart of the promises seed.

The hall of fame of faith are people who chose to have faith in God.

They all were grafted or adopted in the family of God. Not the children of Israel but the family of God. All through Faith.

Inheritance Happens through Faith.

Freedom Through Christ

God Lifts the curse of having to do it all by ourselves and we receive everything God has for us through the promises Holy Spirit by way of Faith in Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit is Working on us the entire time.

Israel is the example

Out of Egypt through faith

Cleared the pathway by the miraculous hand of God in Joshua

Now the Holy Spirit clears out the remaining evil in us through righteous

All through a faith-filled relationship with Christ.

Verse 17-21

The giving of the law

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entrusted to a mediator. 20 A mediator, however, implies more than one party; but God is one.

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22 But Scripture has locked up everything under the control of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.

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21 Is there a conflict, then, between God's law and God's promises?^[1] Absolutely not! If the law could give us new life, we could be made right with God by obeying it. 22 But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ.

The law could not cancel the agreement with God through faith

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No conflict between the law and God's promises

Life before the way of faith
Verse 23-25. Given a guardian

NIV: 23 Before the coming of this faith, [1] we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. 24 So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. 25 Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

NLT: 23 Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed.

24 Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith. 25 And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.