

Digging Deeper Study

Galatians 3

Week of July 19th, 2026

Gal 3 “Faith vs the Law”

1 You foolish Galatians!
Who has bewitched you?
Before your very eyes
Jesus Christ was clearly
portrayed as crucified. 2 I
would like to learn just
one thing from you: Did
you receive the Spirit by
the works of the law, or by
believing what you heard?
3 Are you so foolish? After
beginning by means of

“In essentials, unity; (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)
in non-essentials, liberty; (Romans 14:1)
in all things, charity.” (John 13:34)

Reflect on a “In Christ” verse that has impacted your life.

Share with others how it changed your thinking.

1. **Where have you been fooled in the past into believing something that someone taught as truth but later you discovered it not to be?**
2. **What is the source of power or control come from if its source is not Christ and Him crucified?**

the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?[a] 4 Have you experienced[b] so much in vain—if it really was in vain? 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?

6 So also Abraham “believed God, and it was

3. **Where in your life has standing on the truth of scripture cost you something or caused pain as a result?**
4. **As a Christ follower how does our surrendering to the Spirit empower us to do things that we lack the strength or power to do?**
 - **Recall in the Bible examples of this**
 - **Moses**
 - **David**
 - **Boaz**
 - **Elijah**
 - **Peter**

What did Abraham believe about God and what He would do?

How is this similar to what made Christ trust in His Father's plan?

How does this idea translate to the solution to our sinful state?

credited to him as righteousness.”[c]

7 Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. 8 Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.”[d] 9 So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

How did the Faith that Abraham displayed in God become available to all the world?

If you try to work your way to heaven you are bound to the process. What is the curse that failing to be perfect enslaves us to? What is the cost of our sin? How can this be paid by a un-perfect person? Can a person that is drowning save another person that is drowning too?

10 For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.”[e] 11 Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because “the righteous will live by faith.”[f] 12 The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, “The person who does these things will live by them.”[g] 13 Christ redeemed us from the

For the wages of Sin is death. Could you take a moment and calculate the amount of sin that you have amassed in the past month? Year? Lifetime? How could any amount of good deeds make the scales balance? Someone has to pay the cost.

Duet 27:26 reference

Is the faith that Abraham had in God the same faith that we have in Christ?

curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”[h] 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.

The Law and the Promise

15 Brothers and sisters, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as

Compare Romans chapter 4 with this passage. In what ways does Romans help in understanding Galatians?

What is the difference between Seeds and Seed?

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

Does the Law have any value at all? What would have happened if there was never any Law. How would this have affected Christ and His ministry?

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.

19 Why, then, was the law given at all? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was given through angels and entrusted to a mediator. 20 lies more than one party; but God is one.

What was promised? Blessings to whom? Through whom? In Faith and believe of whom?

The Law held Jewish believers captive to the reality that they were sinners in need of a savior. Their faith was in the future plan that God would be faithful and provide them a way to reconnect with their creator. OT believers are justified (made right) with God by their faith in God's plan. NT believers have access to the Father through the work of the cross and that Christ finished God's plan to make believers right again. Do we need the Law now that faith is here?

We are Adopted into God's family through faith. Since we all come to God through faith why should there be any walls between people groups that call Christ their King? How should we treat others who identify as Christ followers? What does Christ clothe us in?

21 Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. 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.

**Take Prayer requests
And close in Prayer**

Children of God

23 Before the coming of this faith,[j] 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.

26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed

yourselves with Christ. 28
There is neither Jew nor
Gentile, neither slave nor
free, nor is there male
and female, for you are all
one in Christ Jesus. 29 If
you belong to Christ, then
you are Abraham's seed,
and heirs according to
the promise.

Footnotes

1. Galatians 3:3 In
contexts like this, the
Greek word for *flesh*
(*sarx*) refers to the
sinful state of human
beings, often
presented as a power

in opposition to the Spirit.

2. Galatians 3:4 Or *suffered*
3. Galatians 3:6 Gen. 15:6
4. Galatians 3:8 Gen. 12:3; 18:18; 22:18
5. Galatians 3:10 Deut. 27:26
6. Galatians 3:11 Hab. 2:4
7. Galatians 3:12 Lev. 18:5
8. Galatians 3:13 Deut. 21:23
9. Galatians 3:16 Gen. 12:7; 13:15; 24:7

10. Galatians 3:23 Or <i>through the faithfulness of Jesus ... 23 Before faith came</i>	