

FREE AT LAST! THE MESSAGE OF GALATIANS
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The Ancient Gospel – Galatians 3:6-14

- 3:6-9** **I. Righteousness has always been obtained by faith alone.**
 “Consider Abraham...”
- :6** A. Father Abraham was justified by faith alone.
 “He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”
 cf. Gen. 15:6; Rom. 4:1-12; Psalm 32:1, 2
- :7-9** B. Believers in Christ are children of Abraham.
 “Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham.”
 cf. 3:26-29; 6:15, 16; Rom. 2:28, 29; 9:6-8; Phil. 3:2, 3
- :8a** 1. They are justified.
 “The Scriptures foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith...”
 cf. Gen. 12:3; 18:18; 22:17, 18; 26:4; 28:14; Luke 1:55, 73
- :8b, 9** 2. They are blessed.
 “...and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: ‘All nations will be blessed through you.’ So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.”
 cf. Acts 3:25; Rom. 4:16
- 3:10-12** **II. Legal righteousness brings a curse.**
- :10** A. The law demands perfect, universal, perpetual obedience.
 “...for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.’”
 cf. Deut. 27:26; Rom. 3:19, 20; Matt. 5:48
- :11, 12** B. Legal righteousness is contrary to faith.
 “Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because ‘The righteous will live by faith.’ The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, ‘The man who does these things will live by them.’”
 cf. Hab. 2:4; Gal. 2:16; Lev. 18:5; Rom. 3:21
- 3:13-14** **III. Christ redeemed us.**
- :13a** A. From the law’s curse
 “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law...”
 cf. 4:5
- :13b** B. By substitution
 “...by becoming a curse for us, for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.’”
 cf. Deut. 21:23; Acts 5:30; I Pet. 2:24; II Cor. 5:21; Rom. 3:25, 26
- :14** C. To receive Abraham’s blessing
 “He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come...”
 1. The blessing is for the Gentiles.
 “...to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus...”
 cf. Eph. 3:6
2. The blessing is the Spirit.
 “...so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.”
 cf. Joel 2:28; Acts 2:16f; 2:38, 39.