

# **Galatians 3**

## **Galatians 3.1-5**

**V 1** – How did Paul see the condition of the Christians in Galatia? Greatly deceived (an emergency letter) – The pure gospel had been preached to them, but now they had been deceived

**V 2** – Paul’s question? How were they saved: by the Holy Spirit or Old Law? (Spirit)

**V 3** – Trusting in the flesh = relying on Old Law, just because they were Jews

**V 4** – Paul: Were you persecuted because of the Old Testament? Answer: No

**V 5** – How do miracles come about? Spirit or Old Law? (Holy Spirit, the author of the New Testament)

## **Galatians 3.6-14**

**V 6** – Paul’s example? Abraham

-A quote from *Genesis 15.6*

-**Meaning?** Abraham was justified before circumcision

**V 7** – Who are the sons of Abraham? Those who live by faith and not by works

**V 8** – Why did God work it out in the Old Testament for Abraham to be justified before his works? To set an example so that the Gentiles could someday be saved (without Old Testament works)

-Notice: “the gospel” was preached to Abraham

**V 9** – Who gets the blessing? Those who walk by faith

**V 10** – Quote from *Deuteronomy 27.26*

-**Meaning?** All under the Old Law were cursed, because no one could keep it perfectly (Paul is attacking the Judaizing teachings)

**V 11-12** – Paul’s conclusion? The Old Law couldn’t justify anyone (all have sinned)

**V 13** – How then are we saved? Because Christ (not the Old Law) became a curse for us

-Quote from *Deuteronomy 21.23*

**V 14** – So salvation has now come to the Gentiles – brilliant reasoning!

## **Galatians 3.15-22**

**V 15** – What happens to a will after a person dies? No one can change it

**V 16** – Paul is now referring to the promise made to Abraham

-**What was the promise?** *Genesis 17.1-3* – seed to be multiplied

-*Genesis 22.18* – his seed would bless the whole world

**V 17** – **Which was the law that came 430 years later?** The Law of Moses

-**Did the Law of Moses multiply the promise to Abraham?** No

**V 18** – **So was the promise to Abraham based on the Law of Moses?** No

-Paul's is showing that the Law of Moses was temporary; there was no reason to go back to it.

**V 19** – **What was the purpose of the Law of Moses?** To hold down sin and to give forgiveness

temporarily until the Savior would come

**V 20**– The mediator would be for all (not just Jews)

**V 21**– Somebody might have accused Paul of not liking the Law of Moses

-**But problem with the Law of Moses?** It couldn't "give life"

-in other words, it condemned people

**V 22** – All are condemned by the Law of Moses

-**Value of that?** It forces (or allows) people to be saved by faith in Jesus Christ

## **Galatians 3.23-29**

**V 23** – The Old Testament is in custody (because we could not keep it perfectly)

**V 24**– **So what purpose did the Old Testament serve?** A "tutor" to prepare us for Christ

**V 25**– **Role of the Old Testament now?** We are no longer bound by the Old Testament (tremendous logic here)

**V 26** – **Saved by faith?** Yes

-**How?** Next verse

**V 27** – **Importance of baptism?** "Into" Christ and "clothed" with Christ

-**Can one be saved before baptism?** No

**V 28** – **Purpose of this verse?** No distinctions in Christians between Jews and Gentiles – all are acceptable to God through the gospel

**V 29** – **What makes a person a child of Abraham?** Accepting Christ and his gospel

-Some tremendous lessons from this chapter about no permanent forgiveness under the Old Law