

I've changed the verse order for this chapter—it makes a lot more sense this way!

Galatians 3

Holy Spirit is Given by Faith, Not by Works

¹ ^[a]You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed *as* crucified? ² This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of ^[b]the Law, or by ^[c]hearing with faith? ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun ^[d]by the Spirit, are you now ^[e]being perfected by the flesh? ⁴ Did you ^[f]suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? ⁵ So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and works ^[g]miracles among you, do it by the works of ^[h]the Law, or by ^[i]hearing with faith?

Abraham Was Justified by Faith, Not by Works

⁶ ^[j]Even so Abraham BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. ⁷ Therefore, ^[k]be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. ⁸ The Scripture, foreseeing that God ^[l]would justify the ^[m]Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, *saying*, “ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU.” ⁹ So then those who are of faith are blessed with ^[n]Abraham, the believer.

Abrahamic Covenant Is Not Voided by the Law

¹⁵ Brethren, I speak ^[x]in terms of human relations: even though it is *only* a man's ^[y]covenant, yet when it has been ratified, no one sets it aside or adds ^[z]conditions to it. ¹⁶ Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as *referring* to many, but *rather* to one, “And to your seed,” that is, Christ. ¹⁷ What I am saying is this: the Law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not invalidate a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance is ^[aa]based on law, it is no longer ^[ab]based on a promise; but God has granted it to Abraham by means of a promise.

Law Given to Drive Us to Faith

¹⁹ Why the Law then? It was added ^[ac]because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the ^[ad]agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made. ²⁰ Now a mediator is not ^[ae]for one *party only*; whereas God is *only* one. ²¹ Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness ^[af]would indeed have been ^[ag]based on law. ²² But the Scripture has shut up ^[ah]everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Christ Redeems Us from the Curse of the Law

¹⁰ For as many as are of the works of ^[o]the Law are under a curse; for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM.” ¹¹ Now that no one is justified ^[p]by ^[q]the Law before God is evident; for, “^[r]THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.” ¹² ^[s]However, the Law is not ^[t]of faith; on the contrary, “HE WHO PRACTICES THEM SHALL LIVE ^[u]BY THEM.” ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A ^[v]TREE”—¹⁴ in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might ^[w]come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Believers Are Free from the Law

²³ But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the Law has become our tutor *to lead us* to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a ^[ai]tutor. ²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is ^[aj]neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you ^[ak]belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's ^[al]descendants, heirs according to promise.