

Galatians • “I Am no Longer a Slave, but a Son!”

Galatians 1:1 Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through **Jesus Christ and God the Father**, who **raised him from the dead**—

Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by God the Father.

Galatians 1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

Grace and Peace comes from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1:4 who **gave himself for our sins to deliver us from** the present evil age, **according to the will of our God and Father**,

*The Lord Jesus Christ gave Himself for our sins.
This was the will of God the Father as the means to deliver us from
this present evil (wicked) age (that lasts forever).*

Galatians 1:6-7 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are **turning to a different gospel—not that there is another one**, but there are some who trouble you and want to **distort the gospel of Christ**.

Galatians 1:11 For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is **not man’s gospel**.

Galatians 1:12 For **I did not receive it from any man**, nor was I taught it, but **I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ**.

Galatians 1:15 But when he who had **set me apart before I was born**, and who **called me by his grace**,

Galatians 1:16 was pleased to **reveal his Son to me**, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone;

The gospel (good news) of Christ is not man's gospel (bad news). Man's gospel (bad news) is always a distortion of the gospel (good news) of Christ.

*The gospel of Christ is received through a revelation,
a revealing of Jesus Christ.
God the Father is pleased to reveal his Son
to those whom he set apart before they are born.
He calls them by His grace.*

Galatians 2:4 Yet because of **false brothers** secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our **freedom** (from the law) **that we have in Christ Jesus**, so that they might bring us into **slavery**—

Galatians 2:11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.

Galatians 2:12 For **before** certain men came from James, he was **eating with the Gentiles**; but when they came **he drew back** and **separated himself**, fearing the **circumcision party**.

A sure sign of man's distorted gospel (bad news) is objecting to our freedom from the law obtained by the Lord Jesus Christ when he gave himself for our sins, and requiring our return to slavery.

Galatians 2:14 But when I saw that their **conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel**, I (Paul) said to Cephas before them all, “If you (Peter), though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

Galatians 2:15 We (Paul/Peter) ourselves are **Jews by birth** and not Gentile “**sinners**”;

Galatians 2:16 yet we (Paul/Peter) know that a **person is not justified by works of the law** but **through faith in Jesus Christ**, so we (Paul/Peter) also **have believed**

in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

*A person is not justified **by works** of the law.*

*A person is justified **through faith** in Jesus Christ.*

In order to be justified by faith in Christ you must have believed in Christ Jesus instead of believing in works of the law as a means of being justified.

No one will be by works of the law.

Galatians 2:18 For if I rebuild (trying to be justified by the law) **what I tore down**, I prove myself to be a **transgressor** (violator of the law) (because no will be justified by works of the law).

Galatians 2:19 For **through the law I died to the law**, so that I might **live to God**.

Galatians 2:20 **I have been crucified** with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

I live by faith in the Son of God.

The Son of God loved me and gave himself for me, for my sins.

When Christ was crucified, I was crucified with Him. I have been crucified. It is no longer I who live but Christ, who was raised by God the Father, lives in me. The life that I now live,

I live by faith in the Son of God who lives in me.

2Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Galatians 2:21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for **if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose**.

If I believe, at any level, that righteousness were through the law then I must believe that Christ did not give himself for my sins, his death had no purpose, thereby completely nullifying the grace of God.

Romans 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for **righteousness** to everyone who believes.

Galatians 3:1 O **foolish** Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was **publicly portrayed as crucified**.

Galatians 3:2 Let me ask you only this: Did you **receive the Spirit by works of the law** or by **hearing with faith**?

Galatians 3:3 Are you so **foolish**? Having begun by the Spirit, **are you now being perfected by the flesh**?

Hebrews 7:19 (for the law made nothing **perfect**); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

Hebrews 10:14 For by a single offering he has **perfected** for all time those who are being sanctified.

Galatians 3:5 Does he who **supplies the Spirit** to you and works miracles among you do so by **works of the law**, or by **hearing with faith**—

The Spirit is received by hearing with faith.

Perfection was accomplished by a single offering.

It is foolish and impossible to be perfected in the flesh by works of the law.

Remember, it is no longer you who live but Christ who lives in you.

Galatians 3:6 just as Abraham “**believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness**”?

Galatians 3:7 Know then that it is those of **faith who are the sons of Abraham**.

Ephesians 2:8 For **by grace** you have **been saved through faith**. And this is not your own doing; **it (faith) is the gift of God**,

Ephesians 2:9 **not a result of works**, so that no one may boast.

Hearing with faith leads to believing.

In order to be justified by faith in Christ you must have believed in Christ Jesus instead of believing in works of the law as a means of being justified.

Galatians 3:8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would **justify the Gentiles by faith**, preached the **gospel beforehand** to Abraham, saying, **“In you shall all the nations be blessed.”**

Galatians 3:9 So then, those **who are of faith are blessed** along with **Abraham**, the man of faith.

Galatians 3:10 For all who **rely on works of the law are under a curse**; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not **abide** by all things written in the Book of the Law, and **do them**.”

Galatians 3:11 Now it is evident that **no one is justified before God by the law**, for **“The righteous shall live by faith.”**

*If you rely on works,
instead of achieving righteousness by your efforts,
you are under a curse.
The righteous shall live by faith.*

Galatians 3:12 But the **law is not of faith**, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.”

Galatians 3:13 **Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law** by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, **“Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”**—

If you rely on works you are under a curse.

The righteous shall live by faith in the fact that Christ redeemed us from the curse by bearing our curse.

The Lord Jesus Christ gave Himself for our sins.

This was the will of God the Father as the means to deliver us from this present evil (wicked) age (that lasts forever).

Galatians 3:14 so that in **Christ Jesus** the **blessing of Abraham** might come to the **Gentiles**, so that we might **receive the promised Spirit through faith**.

Galatians 3:15 To give a human example, brothers: even with a **man-made covenant**, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified.

Galatians 3:16 Now the **promises were made to Abraham** and to his **offspring**. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to **one**, "**And to your offspring,**" who is **Christ**.

Genesis 22:18 and **in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed**, because you have obeyed my voice."

*God preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying,
"In you shall all the nations be blessed."*

Jesus is the offspring, who was slain and by His blood ransomed a people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

Galatians 3:17 This is what I mean: **the law**, which came 430 years afterward, **does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God**, so as to make the promise void.

Galatians 3:18 For if the **inheritance comes by the law**, it no longer comes by promise; but **God gave it to Abraham by a promise**.

Galatians 3:21 Is the **law then contrary to the promises of God**? Certainly not! **For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law**.

The law cannot give life.

Righteousness is needed for life.

*The promise of God gives life by doing what the law could not do.
God provides righteousness by Abraham's promised offspring, who gave His life so
that we could have life.*

2Corinthians 5:21 For our sake he made him **to be sin who knew no sin**, so that in him we might **become the righteousness of God**.

Galatians 3:22 But the Scripture (Law) **imprisoned** everything under sin, so that **the promise by faith in Jesus Christ** might be given to those **who believe**.

Galatians 3:23 Now **before faith came**, we were **held captive under the law**, imprisoned until the **coming faith would be revealed**.

Galatians 3:24 So then, **the law was our guardian until Christ came**, in order that we might be **justified by faith**.

Galatians 3:25 But now that **faith has come**, we are **no longer under a guardian**,

Galatians 3:26 for **in Christ Jesus** you are all **sons of God**, through faith.

Before faith came, I was imprisoned under sin, held captive by the law. The law was my guardian until Christ came.

But now that faith has come, that revealed Christ to me and justified me, I am no longer under the law that held me captive because of my sin.

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized **into Christ have put on Christ**.

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one **in Christ Jesus**.

Galatians 3:29 And **if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring**, heirs according to promise.

Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, **God sent forth his Son**, born of woman, **born under the law**,

Galatians 4:5 **to redeem those who were under the law**, so that we might receive **adoption as sons**.

Galatians 4:6 And because you are sons, **God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”**

Galatians 4:7 So **you are no longer a slave, but a son**, and if a son, **then an heir through God**.

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