

Galatians 3

1A Paul's Confrontation of the Galatians, vv.1-5:

- 1B** Confrontation of their thinking, 1 O unthinking Galatians, who bewitched you to disobey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was put on public notice among you as being crucified?
- 2B** Evaluation of the mode of reception of their salvation, 2 This only I want to learn from you: did you receive the Spirit from works of the Law, or from hearing of faith?
- 3B** Evaluation of the mode of their spiritual life, 3 Are you so unthinking? Having begun by the Spirit are you now finishing by the flesh?
- 4B** Evaluation of the purpose of their lives, 4 Have you suffered so many things to no purpose? If indeed also [it was] to no purpose.
- 5B** Conclusion on the mode of their spiritual lives, 5 Therefore the One who supplies the Spirit to you and Who wields power in you, [is it] from works of the Law, or from hearing of faith?

2A The Principle of Justification by Faith Alone, vv.6-9:

- 1B** The foundational example of Abraham, 6 Just as Abraham believed in God and it was reckoned to him unto righteousness.
- 2B** The sound thinking outworking of the Abraham foundation, 7 Therefore you know that those [who are] from faith, these are sons of Abraham.
- 3B** The evangelization of Abraham as the content of his faith, 8 Now the Scripture after foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles from faith, previously evangelized Abraham, "In you all the nations will be blessed."
- 4B** The tandem result of the foundational example in blessing, 9 So that those [who are] from faith are blessed together with the faith of Abraham.

3A The True Function of the Law, vv.10-25:

- 1B** The curse unto the works-dependent humans, 10 For as many as are from the works of the Law, are under [the] curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not abide in everything written in the book of the Law, for doing them." (Deuteronomy 27:26)
- 2B** The impossibility of justification by works, 11 And it is clear that no one is justified before God by the Law, because the righteous one will live from faith; (Habakkuk 2:4)
- 3B** The demand of perfection from the Law, 12 Now the Law is not from faith, but the man who does them will live by them. (Leviticus 18:5)
- 4B** The curse-payment of Christ, 13 Christ bought us off from the curse of the Law, becoming a curse for us; for it is written, "Utterly cursed is everyone who hangs upon a tree; (Deuteronomy 21:22-23)
- 5B** The by-faith receiving of Abraham's blessing and the promise of the Spirit, 14 That the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
- 6B** The illustration of the permanence of a covenant, 15 Brothers, I speak according to a human pattern; still, a covenant of man having been confirmed, no one annuls or appends.

- 7B** The permanent promise to the Seed singular of Abraham, Jesus Christ, 16 But the promise spoken to Abraham, and to his Seed. It does not say, "And to seeds," as for many, but as for one, "And to your Seed," Who is Christ.
- 8B** The unvoidability of the covenant with Abraham by the Law; the unnullifiability of the promise, (the Law cannot make null and void the promise of God to Abraham's Seed) 17 Now I say this, the Law coming into being four hundred thirty years later cannot make void a covenant having been confirmed previously by God in Christ, toward the nullification of the promise.
- 9B** The inheritance (of forgiveness and justification) is given by grace; anything else destroys the promise, 18 For if the inheritance is from the Law, there is no longer a promise; But God has graciously given [it] as a promise.
- 10B** The purpose of the angel-given mediated Law to instruct concerning sin, 19 Therefore why the Law? It was added in grace because of the transgressions, until the Seed might come to whom the promise was made, being administered through angels by the hand of a mediator.
- 11B** The nature of the Mediator and the nature of God, 20 Now the mediator is not for one, but God is One.
- 12B** The impossibility of the Law to make life as the Promise does, 21 Therefore is the Law according to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a Law was given which is able to make-life, certainly righteousness would be through the Law.
- 13B** The purpose of the Scripture in locking up all under sin so that justification might be by faith, 22 But the Scripture locked up all under sin, that the promise from faith of Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.
- 14B** The continuation of the purpose of the Law until the moment of faith, 23 Now before the coming of the faith, we were held under the Law, having been confined unto the about to be revealed faith.
- 15B** The nature of the Law as a schoolmaster unto faith, 24 So that the Law become our schoolmaster for Christ, that we might be justified from faith.
- 16B** The abolishment of the schoolmaster at the advent of saving faith, 25 Now faith having come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.
- 4A** The Results of Faith in Christ, vv.26-29:
- 1B** First result: sonship, 26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
- 2B** Explanation of the first result in the illustration of clothing, 27 For as many of you were baptized into Christ, you put on Christ.
- 3B** Loss of former human viewpoint identity by union with Christ, 28 For one is not Jew nor Greek, one is not slave nor free, one is not male and female; For all of you are one in Christ Jesus.
- 4B** Final result, seed of Abraham and heirship in the pattern of the Promise, 29 Now if you are of Christ, then you are seed of Abraham, and heirs according to promise.