

Series: Galatians: In Christ Alone, No Other Gospel

“The Blessedness of Grace”

Galatians 3:6-14

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THE GOSPEL: *The Good News is about Jesus who saves and redeems people from their sin and gives them a new opportunity for a transformed life that pleases God.*

“The Gospel is more than an explanation about Jesus. It is a demonstration of Jesus.” – J.D. Walt

- Does my life reflect a life that **has been changed** by the Gospel?
- Does my life reflect a life that is **being changed** by the Gospel?

The Blessing of Grace

- Galatians 3:1-5 = Paul’s argument from **EXPERIENCE**
- Galatians 3:6-14 = Paul’s argument from **SCRIPTURE**

The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you.² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others.³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.” – Genesis 12:1-3

God’s Promise to Abraham

1. I will make you a great **NATION**
2. I will **BLESS** you
3. I will make you **FAMOUS**
4. You will be a blessing to **OTHERS**
5. I will **BLESS** those who bless you
6. I will **CURSE** those who stand against you
7. **ALL** the families of the earth will be blessed through you

BLESSED and BLESSING

- To be fully **SATISFIED**
- To receive God’s **FAVOR**
- Anything God **GIVES** that makes us fully satisfied in him
- Anything that **DRAWS US CLOSER** to Jesus
- Anything that helps us **RELINQUISH** the temporary
- Anything that helps us hold on more **TIGHTLY** to the eternal

1. God works through **FAITH** not through works of the law

“Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.” The real children of Abraham, then, are those who put their faith in God. – Galatians 3:6-7

2. Salvation by grace is nothing **NEW**

What’s more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when God would make the Gentiles right in his sight because of their faith. God proclaimed this good news to Abraham long ago when he said, “All nations will be blessed through you.” So all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith. – Galatians 3:8-9

3. The law brings a **CURSE** because that’s all it can do

But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under his curse, for the Scriptures say, “Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the commands that are written in God’s Book of the Law.” So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law. – Galatians 3:10-11a

4. Saving faith is **BELIEVING** faith

For the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.” This way of faith is very different from the way of law, which says, “It is through obeying the law that a person has life.” – Galatians 3:11b-12

5. Our **BLESSEDNESS** is made possible only by the cross of Christ

But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.” Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing he promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith. – Galatians 3:13-14

“The cross shows that God is free to justify the whole world and all persons in it. God’s justification does not depend on human readiness, or achievement, or self-attained merit, but on God’s grace alone.” – Dr. Maxie Dunnam