



Faith brings Righteousness

Galatians 3:1-14

Before we get started...

Paul's reprimand

- Why live like a Jew?
- Man is not justified by law, but by faith.
- Are we sinners for following Christ?
- Are we to 'put on the old man' and 'do away with the new'?
- If law is required, all Jesus did was for naught.

What were the Galatians initially taught?

- Jesus Christ crucified - vs 1
- If it is public knowledge that Christ died for us, who should we take our marching orders from?

What did Paul not teach the Galatians?

- Works of the law are required for salvation.
- What question was asked of the Galatians in verse 2?
- Was the Holy Spirit available to the Jews through the Law itself? (John 7:37-39)
- Paul pounds this in by asking a similar question in verse 3. What was that question?

In vain?

- Did you *suffer* so many things in vain.
- The word suffer here is the Greek *epathethe*.
- *Epathethe* can translate suffer or experience.
- "If indeed it was in vain" - Paul's hope that the Galatians won't adopt the Judaizer's view.

Does God need "works of the Law"?

- No! God created the law knowing it would be replaced by faith in His Son. It merely pointed to Christ.
- God provides all our needs lavishly and openly -- not twisted in "works of the Law"
- Miracles among them. Miracles regularly accompany hearing of faith but never accompany "the works of the Law"

The Scriptural Argument

- What was the Jewish claim? What was the scriptural intent of Genesis 12:3?
- Abraham. Our father in faith not in descent.
- Is Law a blessing or curse? (Deuteronomy 27:26)
- "Righteous live by faith." Quoted from where?
- The Law is not of faith? (Leviticus 18:5)

Scripture personified

- Did the "scripture... Preach the gospel beforehand to Abraham"?
- Who preached it?
- Was the scripture written for Abraham to read?
- What then can we say about God and the scripture?

Habakkuk 2:4

- So important is this passage that the Holy Spirit uses 3 inspired passages to explain it.
- Romans 1:17 explains "the righteous man"
- Galatians 3:11 explains how "the righteous man" shall live.
- Hebrews 10:38 discusses "by faith"

How did Christ redeem us from the curse?(verse 13)

- By becoming a curse for us
- To all Gentiles, not just Jews, and not under "the Law" (vs 14)
- Promise received through faith
- Faithfulness opens righteousness to all mankind

What does it mean to us?

- God had a plan
- God's plan was executed as designed
- Moses Law was part of that plan
- Christ fulfilled God's plan of salvation
- Faith *was and still is* required to be part of God's plan for us.

Next week...

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