

Galatians 3:5-25 Lesson 6

- V.5-7 Faith is greater than works of the old law
 - The working of miracles proved the message was from God
 - When Paul came and preached it was accompanied by miracles to prove the message, one is justified by faith, was from God
 - Which message then was from God (Judaizing teachers or Paul)?

Question 2

 What Old Testament character is proof that one is justified by faith, not by circumcision or Old Testament law keeping? How is he proof? (Galatians 3:6-7)

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 - Abraham is proof that one is justified by faith
 - He believed and obeyed God, in doing so it was accounted to Him for righteousness
 - Abraham's belief was accounted to him for righteousness before circumcision was required and before the old law was established
 - The point is one is justified by faith

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 - Imputation of Christs righteousness –
 False doctrine that is disproven here

- V.5-7 Faith is greater than works of the old law
 - If we claim to be children of Abraham, we must follow his example
 - John 8:39 "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham"
 - If we want to be justified, we will follow Abraham's example

- V.8-9 God's plan was that all would be blessed through Abraham
 - Both Jew and Gentile would have an opportunity to be God's children
 - Under the New Testament those who are a part of this promise and are God's children are those of faith (NT)

Question 3

 What was lacking in the Old Testament that is provided in the New Testament? (Galatians 3:10-12)

- V.10-12 The old law had no provision for sin
 - Deuteronomy 27:26 There was a curse in the old law because if you failed in one point of the law, you were guilty of the whole law and in sin (James 2:10).
 - Romans 3:23 All have sinned
 - There was no provision to be forgiven of sin and no way to get back into a right relationship with God in the old law

- V.10-12 The old law had no provision for sin
 - Justification has always been on the basis of faith not law keeping
 - No one is justified by the old law, but through faith, "the just shall live by faith"
 - Faith isn't belief alone but an obedient faith – this is what Abraham and the others in Hebrews 11 exemplified

Question 4

 By what means does the New Testament provide forgiveness of sins? (Galatians 3:13-14)

- V.13-14 Through Christ there is redemption
 - Christ redeemed us from the curse of the old law
 - He became a curse for us
 - Deuteronomy 21:22-23 Jesus did not become sin but bore the punishment of sin for us
 - If Jesus became sin, how could he be the perfect sacrifice (Hebrews 10)?

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 - The punishment He bore was a public punishment on a tree that we were deserving of

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 - In doing so it provided a way for the Gentiles to receive the promise and be right with God
 - This is through faith
 - Justification is through faith not through law keeping

Galatians 3:15-18 — Promise to Abraham

- V.15 With covenants of men it is understood that no one can annul or add to it
 - If this is the case how much more so is it with God?

Galatians 3:15-18 — Promise to Abraham

- V.16-18 The promise made to Abraham is not annulled by the old law
 - The seed promise was made to Abraham
 - This was the promise of Christ
 - The Law which was 438 years later does not annul that promise
 - The inheritance is of promise to Abraham not the Law

Galatians 3:19-25 — Purpose of the Old Law

- V.19-20 What purpose then does the law serve?
 - It was added because of transgressions
 - Made known what transgression is and how serious it is
 - It was to remain until the Seed came
 - The law was given by God

Galatians 3:19-25 — Purpose of the Old Law

- V.21-25 Is the law against the promise?
 - If there was a law that could have given life, righteousness would have been through the law
 - This isn't the case, nor was it ever meant to be the case

Galatians 3:19-25 — Purpose of the Old Law

- V.21-25 Is the law against the promise?
 - Because all have made the choice to sin and the promise is through faith in Christ (we are forgiven of sins and made right through Christ), the law was meant to keep us under guard until Christ came
 - The law was a tutor to bring us to Christ
 - We are justified by faith