



FUNDAMENTAL BIBLE STUDY

Galatians

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Lesson 10: Chapter 3:1-14

Thrust: *The Promise of the Spirit by Faith*

“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us...that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.” – Galatians 3:13,14

1. Review

- a. Being crucified with Christ: you are dead to the law & quickened that you might live unto God
- b. We walk by the Spirit just as we received Christ Jesus – Eph1:13; Rom8:8-14; Col2:6

2. 3:1-5 – Works of the Law vs. Hearing of Faith

- a. Stern questions are asked that deal with being disobedient to truth – Rom1:5; 2Cor5:14; 10:5
- b. *Fool* def – one who does not exercise reason – Prov26:5; 28:26; Jesus – Mt5:22
- c. Who bewitched you? A: Law-abiding Jews – Gal1:7; 5:10,12; Obedience – 1Sam15:22,23
- d. How is the Spirit received? A: By grace through faith – Eph1:13,14
- e. Are you perfected by flesh? A: No, you walk just as you received Christ – Col2:6-15
- f. Have you suffered in vain? They entertained Paul’s instruction, potentially in vain
- g. How were miracles worked? A: By the power of the Spirit – Ac19:11; Rom15:19; 2Cor12:12

3. Miracles: God is able, but will he. And if not, why?

- a. Potential views: 1) Impossible, 2) Real & continue today, 3) Real & have ceased
- b. Tongues, Signs & Wonders: validating or providing credentials for a man, ministry or message
- c. Signs had the function of engendering belief – Nu14:11; Deu4:34,35
- d. Praying for and claiming healing is likely the best example today...after all – Jas5:14,15
- e. Healing: sign to unbelievers...did not always concern the healed – Ex4:1-9; Lu7:19-23; Ac3:6-11
 - i. Concerned the nation of Israel being a kingdom of priests – Ex19:5,6; Cf. 1Pe2:9
 - ii. Required proper obedience to avoid receiving previous diseases – Ex15:26
 - iii. Priests could not have infirmity – Lev21:17-24
 - iv. By Christ’s stripes, “ye were” Israel was healed – Isa53:5; Cf. 1Pe2:24
- f. We don’t need signs & wonders because we are complete – Col2:10; Rom5:11; 2Cor5:18,19
- g. Present sufferings should not be compared with God’s sufficient grace – Rom8:18; 2Cor12:9

4. 3:6-9 – Abraham’s Blessing by Hearing of Faith

- a. Paul addresses the topic of how one is made a “child of Abraham” until verse 29
- b. Warning: Abraham has a dual *fatherhood*: 1) Uncircumcision, 2) Circumcision – Rom4:11,12
- c. *Father* def. – spiritually, the first pattern of righteousness accounted by faith – Gen15:6; Rom4:11
- d. “they...of faith” you can’t be a child without faith
- e. “*scripture, foreseeing*” Who saw? A: Scripture, not man – the mechanics were secret – 1Cor2:6-8
- f. “*preached...the gospel unto Abraham*” gospel means good news
- g. Which was? “*In thee shall all nations be blessed*” (Gen22:18) Not the gospel of Christ – 1Cor1:18
- h. “*blessed with*” i.e. in like manner – What was he blessed with? A: v.6, righteousness by faith

5. 3:10-14 – Christ’s Redemption

- a. Those “*of the works of the law*” are under a curse to do all – Deu27:26; Jas2:10-12
- b. Remember: you frustrate God’s grace by thinking righteousness comes by law – Gal2:21
- c. Of course, it should be evident that “*the just shall live by faith*” – Hab2:4; Rom1:17; Rom10:4
- d. Those that are of “*the law is not of faith*” just as those of work are not of grace – Rom4:4
- e. “*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse*” ransomed all by his blood – Rom3:24; Eph1:7,14
- f. Tithing: obligates payment and curses for negligence – Mal3:8,9