

The Gospel
The Curse
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Galatians 3:10-14

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Galatians Series

- Setting
- Circumstances
- Tone

So Far

- Established Call and Authority
- Clear on Gospel Message
- Evidence of Support



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Consider Abraham: “He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”⁷ Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham.⁸ The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.”⁹ So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.



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All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."¹¹ Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, "The righteous will live by faith."¹² The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, "The man who does these things will live by them."¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."¹⁴ He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit."



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1. The Example of Abraham 6-9

a) consider Abraham

- chosen by God - Gen.12:1-3

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you;

I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."



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- man of Great faith

- clear God's plan was to bless the world through his descendents

b) belief credited as righteousness

- - Gen. 15:1-5 *After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."* ² *But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?"* ³ *And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."* ⁴ *Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir."* ⁵ *He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."* ⁶ *Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.*



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- actions included:

- leaving home & kin

- going into hostile environments

- issues with Lot

- covenant & circumcision

- Isaac and the sacrifice

- actions evidenced faith in God's word

- see Heb. 11:8-19

- righteousness credited by faith not works



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- c) belief makes us ‘Children of Abraham’
 - clear in 12:3 that all peoples of the earth would be blessed through this
 - our participation in placing faith in God’s promise and work – makes us children of Abraham



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2. Futility of Relying on Self vs. 10-12

a) No Confidence in Your Qualifications

- law – revealed God's perfection, and our inability to live up to that

- Deut. 27:26 ***"Cursed is the man who does not uphold the words of this law by carrying them out." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"***



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- Lev 18:4-5 *“⁴ You must obey my laws and be careful to follow my decrees. I am the LORD your God. ⁵ Keep my decrees and laws, for the man who obeys them will live by them. I am the LORD.”*

- Moral law of God – good
- Jesus – adds motive, thoughts, intentions, heart – part of keeping it
- covers coveting, lust, pride, greed...



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- James 2:10 *“¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.”*

- Romans 3:23 *“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”*

- cannot have confidence in qualifications

c) Scripture Clear about Righteousness

- Hab 2:4 *“See, he is puffed up; his desires are not upright— but the righteous will live by his faith”*



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3. Confidence in Christ

a) law reveals God's standard and our failure to achieve righteousness

- we cannot do this ourselves

b) Christ Redeemed us by taking our sin

- Isaiah 53:4-6 ***"Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all."***



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- Col 2:13-15 *“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,¹⁴ having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.”*



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- by faith we might receive
 - eternal inheritance
 - life in the Spirit



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So What

1. Learn From Those Before You

- consider Abraham
- know Heb. 11
- not the mighty actions, heroic incidents, miracles etc - faith in Jesus work

2. Don't Fall Into the Traps

- self reliance
- believing you know what God will like
- undermining the grace that is yours



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3. Remember the Promise

- eternal life with Christ
- the Holy Spirit indwelling your life

