



EPISTLE TO THE GALATIANS



▶ Galatians Chapter 1 – *Recap*

- ▶ The Lord Jesus Christ, gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father – 1:4
- ▶ If anyone preaches a different gospel, let him be accursed – 1:8-9
- ▶ The gospel that Paul preached was not received from man but by way of a revelation through Jesus Christ – 1:12

▶ Galatians Chapter 2 – *Recap*

- ▶ Paul continues to defend his apostleship...
- ▶ James, Cephas and John extended the right hand of fellowship to Paul and Barnabas once they knew they were preaching the truth – 2:7-9
- ▶ Paul opposes Peter for his hypocrisy and gives stern message that justification is not by the works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us – 2:11-21

▶ Galatians Chapter 3 – *Recap from last week...*

- ▶ The Spirit doesn't come through the works of the Law but by hearing with Faith – 3:1-5
- ▶ Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness – 3:6
- ▶ Salvation for all nations by faith in Christ was preached to Abraham – 3:8

▶ Galatians 3:10-14 – *The Law cannot justify, but it can bring a curse*

- ▶ Those under the works of the Law are under a curse
 - ▶ Sacrifices on the alter could not remove sin so they are not free from sin. They are under a curse of the law – Heb 10:3-4
- ▶ He who practices the Law, shall live by them
 - ▶ If the Judaizing teachers taught circumcision as necessary for salvation, then they are required to keep all of the law – 5:3-4
- ▶ Christ redeemed us from the curse so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith

▶ Galatians 3:15-18 – *The promise to Abraham cannot be set aside by the Law of Moses*

- ▶ The promises were spoken to Abraham and his Seed
 - ▶ And to your seed, that is Christ
- ▶ The Law that was given 430 years later cannot change the covenant
 - ▶ God granted it to Abraham by means of a promise

▶ Galatians 3:19-22 – *What then was the purpose of the Law*

- ▶ The Law as added because of transgressions
 - ▶ They could not save themselves. The Law revealed what sin is and showed them their need for a Savior – Rom 3:20
- ▶ The Law is not against the promises of God, but it did leave man in sin
 - ▶ The Law and the gospel are not contradictory to each other, however the Law was a tutor
 - ▶ If man could have been saved by keeping the Law of Moses, God would not have given His only Son to die on the cross – Gal 2:20-21
 - ▶ The Law left man in sin, eternally separated from God. So, then the promise by faith in Christ would be given to those who believe

▶ Galatians 3:23-25 – *The Law served as a tutor to bring us to Christ*

- ▶ The purpose of the Law was to show sinners the need for a Savior
 - ▶ The Law was a tutor to lead us to Christ so that we may be justified by faith
- ▶ But now that Christ has come, no longer is the tutor necessary
 - ▶ The system of faith, the gospel of Christ, has come and is now preached – Jude 3; Mark 16:15-16
 - ▶ Men are no longer under the Law of Moses. The purpose of the Law has been fulfilled and men are no longer subject to keep it. It was nailed to the cross – Col 2:14

▶ Galatians 3:26-29 – *Abraham's seed are the children of God by faith*

- ▶ Faith is now the means by which men become God's children
 - ▶ Anyone can become children of God by faith in Christ, not just those formally under the Law of Moses
- ▶ Baptism is the time at which one puts on Christ
 - ▶ One enters "into Christ" at the point of baptism. We are baptized into His death – Rom 6:3-5
 - ▶ Baptism washes away sins – Acts 22:16; 1 Pet 3:21
- ▶ No distinctions are in Christ
 - ▶ Our condition with God isn't dependent upon fleshly relationships or conditions. We are all one in Christ – Rom 2:11
 - ▶ The promise is fulfilled in Christ and heirs according to the promise – Gen 12:3