

The Epistle To The Galatians¹

Christ Openly Portrayed Crucified

I Twelve Crucial Subjects (**Gal.3:1-29**)

- A. Chapter Three is one of the most difficult chapters in the New Testament, having many points that seemingly are unrelated.
- B. To understand the whole chapter we must understand the 12 crucial points composing it; they are:
 1. Christ Crucified
 2. Christ and the Spirit
 3. The Hearing of Faith Versus the Works of the Law
 4. The Spirit as the Blessing of the Gospel
 5. The Spirit versus the flesh
 6. The Gospel Preached to Abraham
 7. The Promise versus the Law
 8. Faith Replacing the Law
 9. The Seed of Abraham and the Sons of Abraham
 10. Baptized into Christ
 11. Putting On Christ
 12. All One in Christ

II Christ Crucified (**Gal.3:1, 13, 1:4, 2:19-21, 5:24, 6:14-15**)

- A. Galatians were clearly presented with Christ crucified, whose death satisfies two aspect for our complete salvation.
 1. All the requirements of the law have been fulfilled by the death of Christ (**Gal.2:21**)
 2. The death of Christ has released His life to be imparted into us in His resurrection to free us from the bondage under the law.
 3. The cross is the center of God's operation in His economy
- B. Christ was crucified to give Himself for our sins that He might rescue us out of the present evil age
 1. By returning to the Law they had no way to deal with their sins
 2. The goal, however, of being crucified for our sins was to rescue us out of the present evil age
 3. The present age is Satanic (**1John 5:19**) and even if the Galatians could have kept the Law, how would they have dealt with Satan?
- C. Christ was crucified to give Himself for us that He might impart life to us and live in us in resurrection to free us from the bondage under the law.

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1. To live in us He must be the resurrected One who first died for us.
 2. His dying and then resurrecting was a process He went through to make Himself so available, so breathable (**John 20:22**), edible (**John 6:54-57 63**), and drinkable (**John 7:38-39**).
- D. Christ was crucified to redeem us out of the curse of the Law (**Gal.3:13**)
1. Christ became our substitute on the cross, not only bearing the curse for us, but becoming the curse.
 2. Adam's fall brought us under the curse (**Gen.3:17**) and this curse is made official by the Law (**Rom.5:12-13**)
- E. Christ crucified to fulfill the requirement of the Law that we may have righteousness in Him (**Gal.2:21**)
1. In Adam we do not have righteousness, but in Him all the requirements of the Law are fulfilled and we have righteousness
 2. Christ died for our sins so He redeemed us and He died for our righteousness so He justified us.
- F. Christ was crucified to make us dead to law that we might live to God.
1. Apart from the crucifixion of Christ, there is no way for us to die to the law. (**Gal.2:19**)
- G. Christ was crucified to have us crucified with Him that we may be able to crucify our flesh
1. Christ dealt with our old man, since it is not possible to crucify ourselves (**Rom.6:6**)
 - a) The crucifixion of our old man had to be accomplished by someone else
 - b) All we need to do with the old man, our self, is to deny it by bearing the cross
 - c) The self is already on the cross-ignore it, deny it and don't let it get down from the cross
 2. The flesh with its passions and lusts (**Gal.5:24**) can not be overcome by our self effort
 - a) Being able to crucify our flesh is possible because our old man has been crucified with Christ
 - b) The problems in our daily living do not come from the old man, but from our flesh
 3. Christ was crucified to have the world crucified to us and us crucified to the world (**Gal.6:14**)
 - a) This world is the Satanic system created to distract and turn us away from God. (**1John 5:19, 2:15**)
 - b) In Gal.6:14, this reference to the world is particularly directed at the religious world
 - c) This religious world lulls us into trying to fulfill the law in order to be right with God, but, in the end, it takes us away from God and nullifies the grace of God. (**Gal.2:21**)