

## The Epistle To The Galatians<sup>1</sup>

**Abraham, who came before the law, heard the gospel, was given promises, exercised faith, and produced a seed**

### **I The Gospel Preached to Abraham (Gal.3:8)**

- A. The Gospel was received by faith through Abraham's believing (**Gal.3:9, Gen.15:6**)
- B. Abraham did not work or earn the blessing (**Gal.3:10a, 11, Rom.4:13**)
- C. The gospel was preached before the giving of the law through Moses (**Gal.3:17-18, 4:22, 28, 30-31**)
- D. As a promise given to Abraham (**Gen.12:3, 7, 15:4-5, Gal.3:13-14, Col.1:12b cf./ Josh.14:1-2a**)

### **II The Promise Versus the Law (Gal.3:16-17)**

- A. Despite the Fall and the Curse, God gives a Promise
- B. God deals with His people according to the promise, both before, during and after the Law
- C. According to the Law and Through the Tabernacle
- D. Christ Fulfilling the promise
- E. Grace and Faith

### **III Faith Replacing the Law**

- A. The Law
  - 1. God's Principle in Dealing with Man in the Old Testament Economy
  - 2. To Expose Man's Fallen Condition (**Exo.19:3-9, 16-19, 20:18-21, Rom.4:15, 5:13, 20**)
  - 3. To Keep Man in Its Custody for Christ (**Gal.3:22-23**)
  - 4. To Conduct Man unto Christ (**Gal.3:24**)
  - 5. Related to the Flesh (**Gal.3:2-3, Rom.7:5,16, 18, 23, 25**)
  - 6. The Works of Law Being Under the Curse (**Gal.3:10**)
- B. Faith (on the Faith)

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1. God's Principle in Dealing with Man in His New Testament Economy **(Heb.11:6, 1Tim.1:4, Gal.3:23-26)**
2. Our Believing (faith) in Christ, Taking His Person and Redemptive Work as the Object of Our Faith
3. Bringing Us into the Blessing Promised to Abraham by receiving the supplying Spirit **(Gal.3:2, 5)**
4. Ushering Us into Christ to Live By Christ **(Gal.2:20)**
5. Characterizing the Believers in Christ and Distinguishing Them from the Keepers of Law

#### **IV The Seed of Abraham and the Sons of Abraham**

##### A. The Seed of Abraham

1. Only One – Christ **(Gal.4:4, 3:14, Rom.1:3)**
2. Including All the Believers Who Have Been Baptized into Him **(Gal.3:27)**
3. To Whom the Promise Was Made before the Law Was Given **(Gal.3:29)**
4. The Unique Seed Being the Good Land **(Col.1:12b, 2:6,7)**

##### B. The Sons of Abraham

1. Of Faith, Based upon the Principle of Faith
2. Blessed with Believing Abraham **(Gal.3:9)**
- 3. Sons of God Through Faith in Christ (Gal.3:26)**
4. Baptized into Christ and Putting On Christ **(Gal.3:27)**
5. All One in Christ **(Gal.3:28)**
6. Included in Abraham's Only Seed **(Gal.3:29)**