

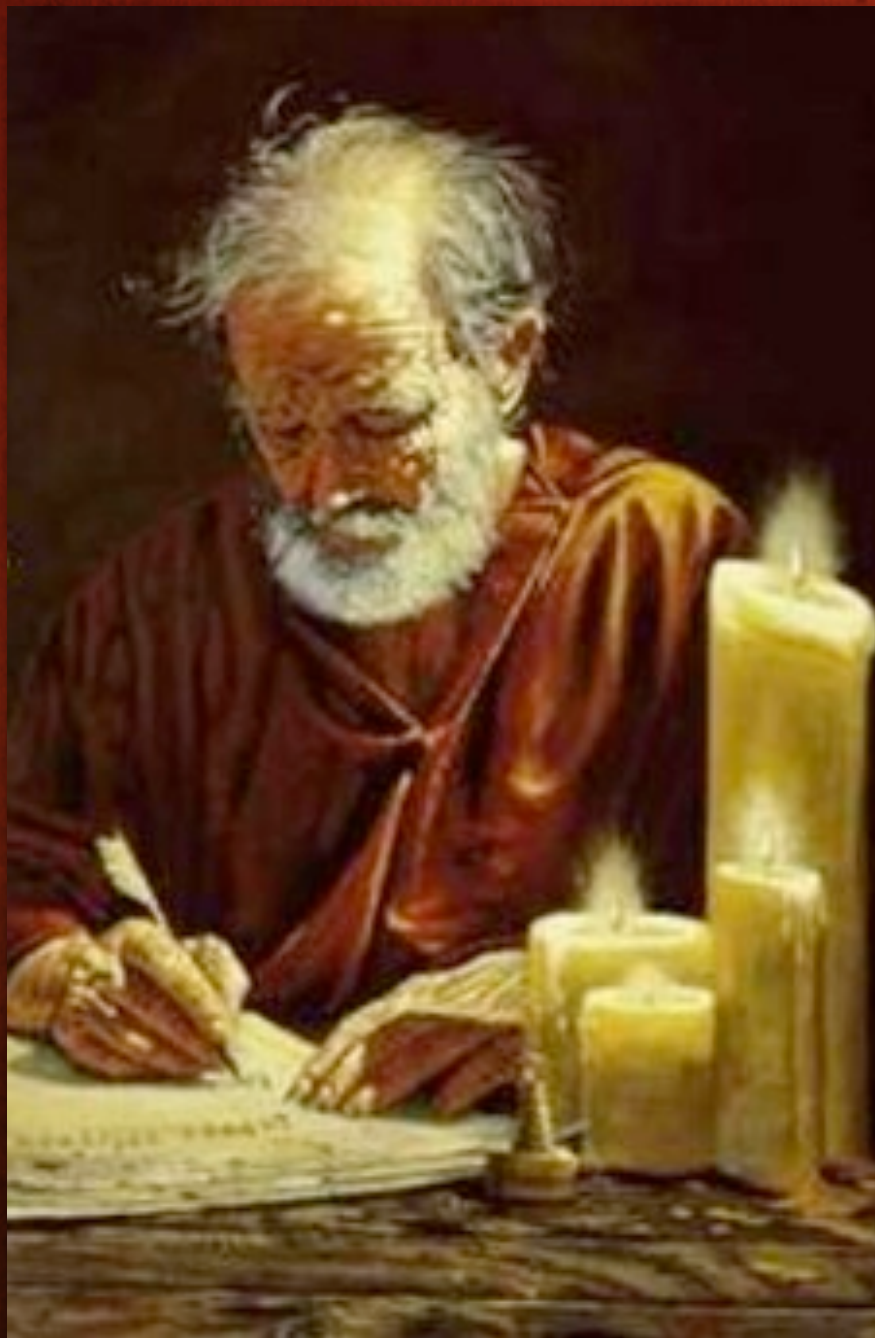


The EPISTLE To The GALATIANS

**Promise of Abraham Not Through The Law
But Through Faith In Christ! – (3:1–29)**

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- Some were preaching a different gospel – (Salvation through Jesus & the law of Moses)
- Not really another gospel because there is only one gospel

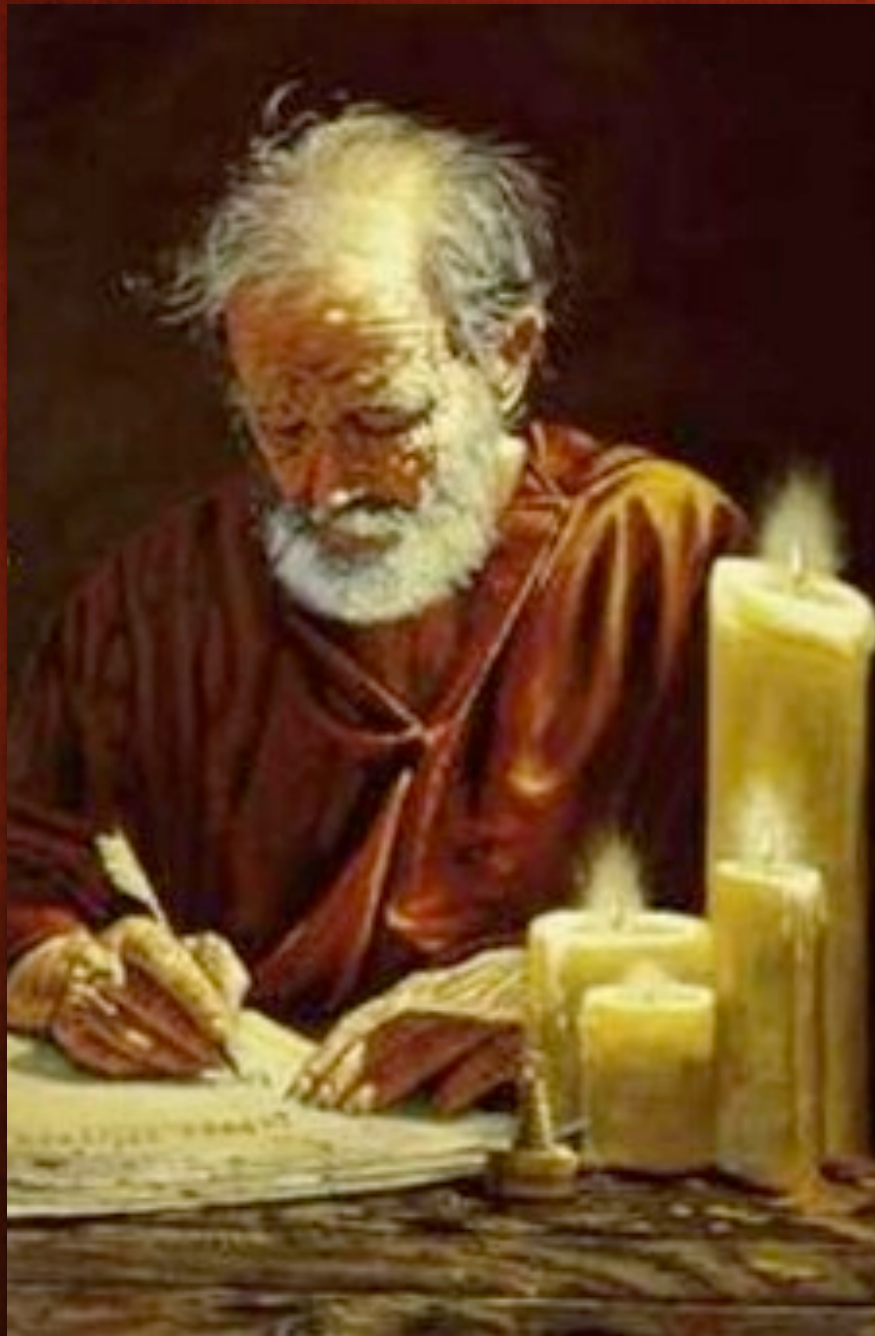
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- **Paul & Peter preached the same gospel**
 - ✳ Included belief in Jesus as Lord and Christ
 - ✳ Included repentance & baptism for forgiveness of sins
 - ✳ Resulted in salvation
 - ✳ Resulted in a changed and obedient lifestyle

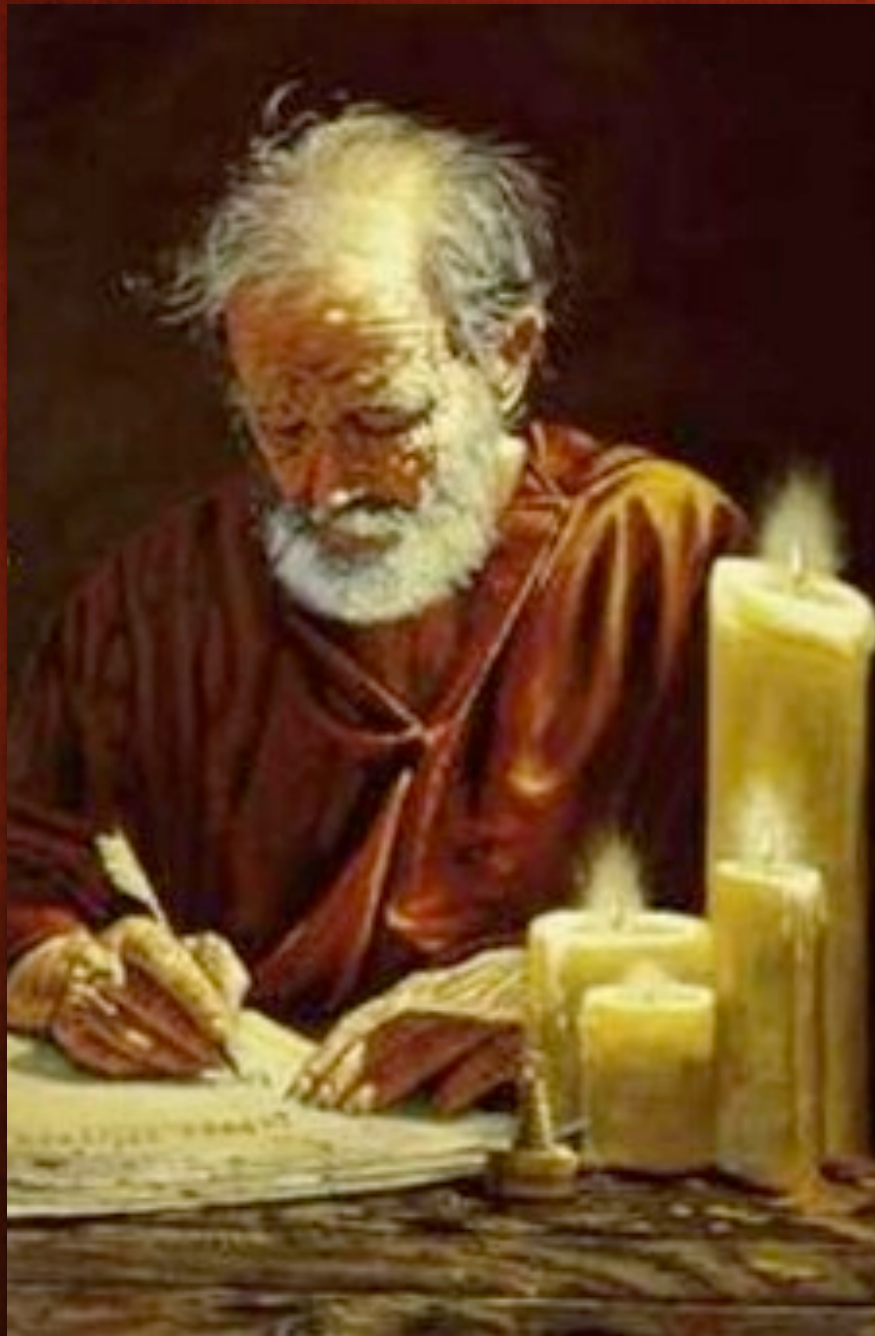
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● Chapter 2 Paul Argues autobiographically that:

- * His apostleship was independent of the other apostles - The gospel he preached was directly from the Lord - 1:11,12
- * He was an apostle before he met the other apostles - 1:13-17
- * When he did meet them he was received as an equal 1:18-2:10
- * He even found it necessary to rebuke Peter - 2:11-21

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- **Paul turns from defense of his apostleship to a defense of his message -**
 - ✳ The true and only gospel needs to be defended - Jude 1:3
 - ✳ Galatians 3 begins Paul's defense of the gospel he preached - "justification by faith in Christ Jesus" and not by "works" of the Law of Moses.

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Experience of the Galatians - (3:1-5)

Galatians 3:1 (NKJV)

¹ O foolish
Galatians! Who has
bewitched you that
you should not
obey the truth,
before whose eyes
Jesus Christ was
clearly portrayed
among you as
crucified?

● **“O foolish Galatians”**

- ✳ Foolish - persons lacking in understanding or judgment. The tone is one of censure.
- ✳ Bewitched - “charmed” by the false teaching of the Judaizers
- ✳ To return to the Law would be a denial of the sufficiency of Christ’s death - 3:1, c.f. 2:21;

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Galatians 3:2-5
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- **Rhetorical Questions in support of His Gospel** - *“This only I want to learn from you:”*
- ✳ “Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?” - (salvation, miraculous gifts, relationship, growth - Acts 2:38; John 3:3-5; Titus 3:5,6; 19:1-6; Eph 1:13,14; 3:16)

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³ Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

- **Rhetorical Questions in support of His Gospel** - *“This only I want to learn from you:”*
- ✳ Paul asked if they were so foolish as to think they could begin the Christian life in one way (by faith, the gospel, the Spirit) and move on to spiritual maturity in another (by works of the Law). - (Gal 5:19-23)

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⁴ Have you
suffered so many
things in vain--if
indeed it was in
vain?

- **Rhetorical Questions in support of His Gospel** - *“This only I want to learn from you:”*
 - ✳ That miracles were performed among the Galatians by divine power was recorded in the Book of Acts (14:3, 8-11).
 - ✳ It was clear that these supernatural works were in connection with the preachers of the gospel - not teachers of the Law - Acts 8:14-19

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Abraham justified by faith - (3:6-9)



Galatians 3:6-7
(NKJV)

⁶ just as Abraham
"believed God, and it
was accounted to him
for righteousness." ⁷
Therefore know that
only those who are of
faith are sons of
Abraham.

- **Vs 6–7 quotes Gen. 15:6
(believed God) -**
 - ✳ Passage also quoted in Rom 4:3;
James 2:23
 - ✳ Judaizers pointed to Abraham,
the “father of the Jews” – – But
ONLY those that believe are
children of Abraham (3:7,29;
Rom 9:7,8; 11:4-16)

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Galatians 3:8-9
(NKJV)

⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." ⁹ So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

- **Vs 8–9 quotes Gen. 12:3 (All nations)**

- ✳ The Gentiles would be justified by faith through Abraham - 3:26-29; Rom 3:28-30; 9:30;
- ✳ The gospel preached to Abraham is seen in the promise - "in you all nations of the earth shall be blessed" - pointing to Christ - 3:16; Gen 12:3; 22:18; 26:4

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Legal Justification Impossible - (3:10-14)

Galatians 3:10
(NKJV)

¹⁰ For as many as are
of the works of the
law are under the
curse; for it is written,
"Cursed is everyone
who does not
continue in all things
which are written in
the book of the law,
to do them."

- **Vs 10 quotes Deut. 27:26
(Those under the Law are
under the curse)**
 - ✳ The Law does not save -- it
Curses!! - cf Romans 7
 - ✳ The Law demands perfect
obedience - one violation of the
Law brought condemnation & that
without remedy - Rom 3:19,20

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Galatians 3:11,12
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¹¹ But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith."

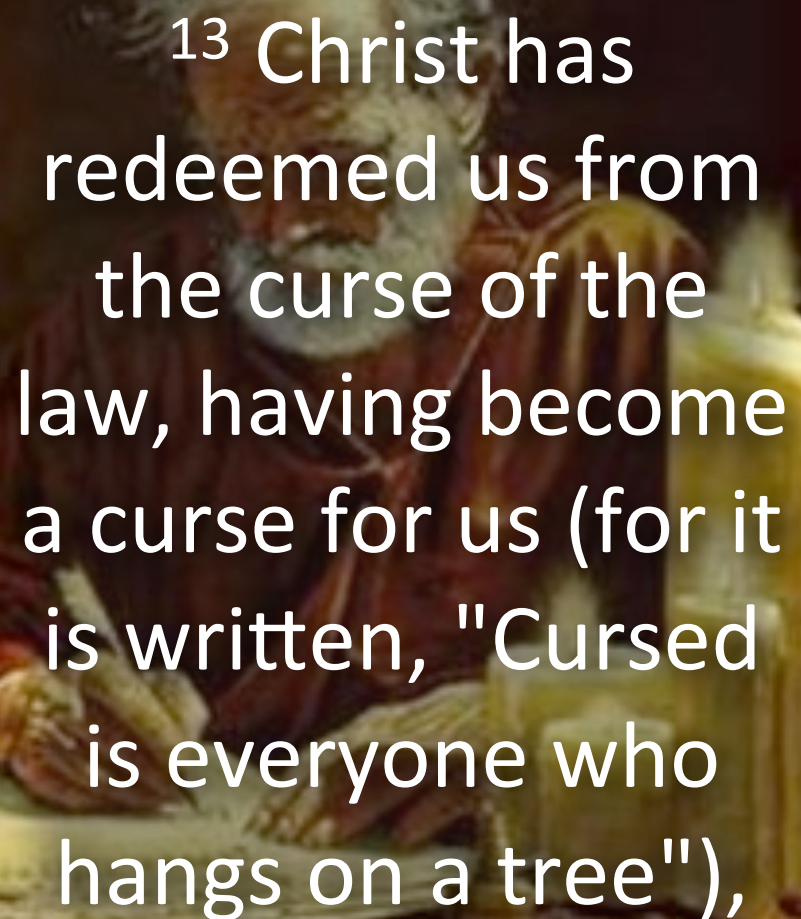
¹² Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them shall live by them."

- **Vs 11 Quotes Hab. 2:4** (The just shall live by faith)
 - ✳ The righteous will live by faith (Rom 1:17 and Heb 10:38) Three times in N.T.
- **Vs 12 Quotes Lev 18:5** (The man who does them shall live by them)
 - ✳ Only perfect performance could win divine approval under the Law, but since all have sinned, all need forgiveness which is obtained only by faith - Rom 3:23-4:6

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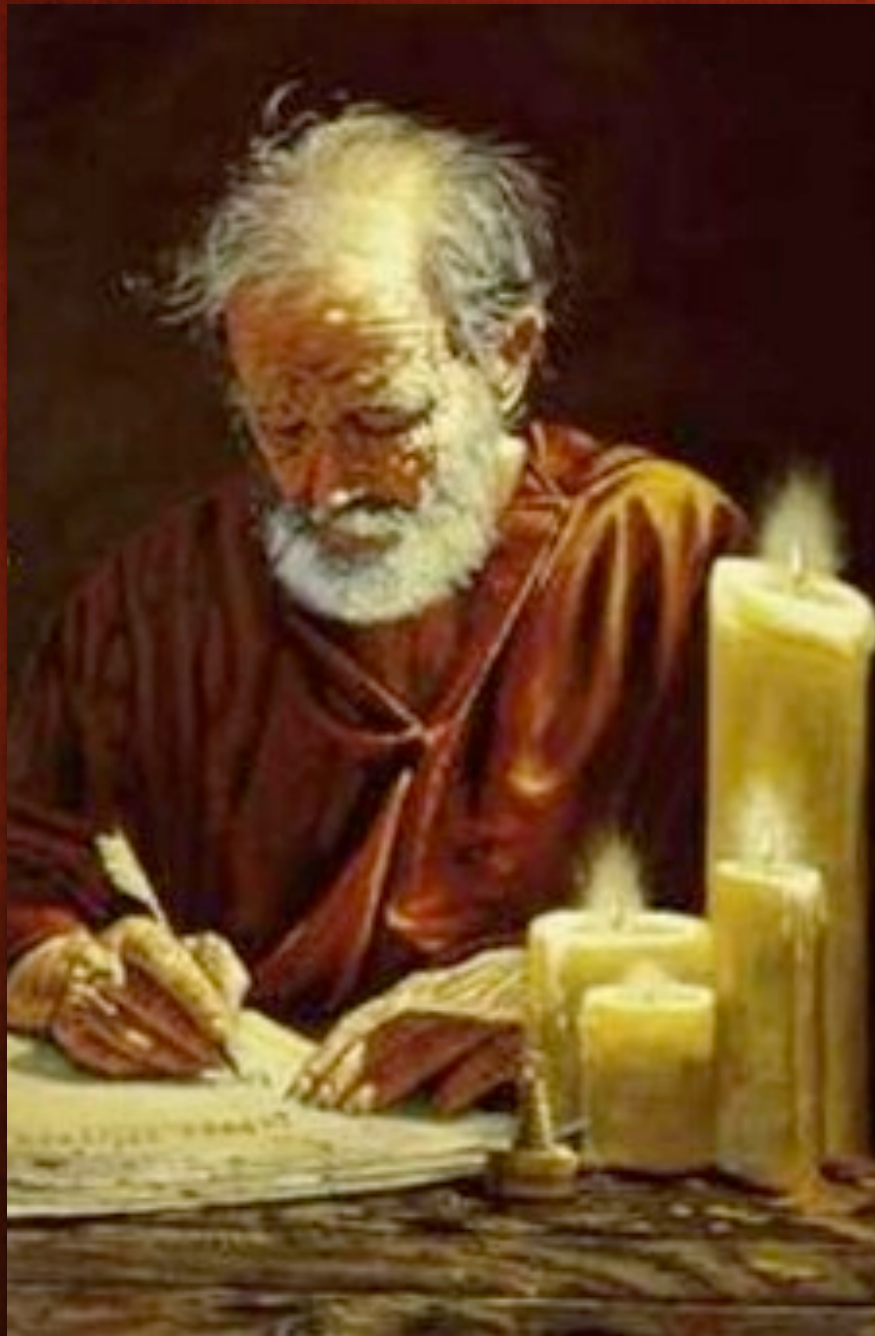
Galatians 3:13
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¹³ Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),

- **Vs 13–14 Quotes Deut. 21:23**
(Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree)
 - ✳ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law by becoming our curse (see 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:24; 3:18).
 - ✳ The blessings & promise of the Spirit to Abraham are now available to both Jews & the Gentiles through Jesus By FAITH - we obtain redemption / atonement / forgiveness - Rom 3:23-4:6; Eph 1:3ff

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- **Abraham justified by faith – (3:6–9)**
- **Legal Justification Impossible – (3:10–14)**
- **The Law did not annul the promise - (3:15–18)**
- **The Law was not contrary to the promise – (3:19–22)**
- **The Law brings men to Christ through whom they are released from sin – (3:23–29)**



Have You Obeyed The True Gospel? – 2 Thes 1:7–9

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Romans 1:16–17 (NKJV)

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. **17** For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."



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Galatians 3:26–29 (NKJV)

26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.** **29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

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Romans 3:27-4:4 (NKJV)

²⁷ Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works?

No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸

Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. ²⁹ Or *is He* the God of the Jews only? *Is He* not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also,

Romans 3:27-4:4 (NKJV)

³⁰ since *there is* one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. ³¹ Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

^{4:1} What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh?

Romans 3:27-4:4 (NKJV)

² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has *something* to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "*Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*" ⁴ Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.