

“God’s Command for us is to KNOW the Gospel of Faith”
Galatians 3:6-9 July 19, 2020

Galatians Series- Living the Gospel in the Power of the Spirit

Big Idea- The gospel that Paul preached was received directly from Jesus. Anyone, including an angel from heaven, that contradicted the gospel of grace through faith in Jesus was to be eternally condemned. The Galatians, by their own personal experience, had come to faith and received the Holy Spirit without following the law first.

Therefore, the rest of their spiritual life should be lived by faith and the Holy Spirit and not be rooted in OT law keeping. Paul now moves on to prove this concept by the OT and the person of Abraham. Our spiritual father.

Background Texts- Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-6; 18:16-18; 22:1-18; **circumcision-** 17:10-16

Infusion theology- God counts you are righteous because you are morally transformed into being righteous and thus your position before God includes your own good works.

Imputation theology- God counts you are righteous by faith alone and not by any righteousness of your own. You are counted worthy because of Jesus’ righteousness.

Philippians 3:9 and may be found in Him, **not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law**, but that which is **through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith**, (NASB) (See also John 19:30)

LESSON 1- The Biblical gospel is typified in the faith of ABRAHAM

- A. Abraham is our example of how to gain RIGHTEOUSNESS (Romans 1:16-17; 3:10-11, 18; appears over 40 times in Romans!)
- B. Abraham was the spiritual father of only those who show FAITH (**Romans 4:1-25**; Galatians 3:7-9; no boasting allowed- Rom 4:2)

Going Deeper *God wants us to know, live, and share the Biblical gospel!*

Theological Application:

1. *The gospel of faith is the answer to how to gain perfect righteousness (Heb 10:14)*
2. *The gospel of faith is the answer to how to keep unity in the church.*
3. *The gospel of faith is the answer to how to solve racial problems.*
4. *The gospel of faith is the answer to how to overcome doubt about our salvation when we sin or struggle in the Christian life with guilt.*

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples