

“The Incredible Blessing of Being an Heir by Faith in Jesus” Galatians 3:26-29 September 6, 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 through God’s grace 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 by showing the background of God’s covenant with Abraham prior to Moses. The Law came after God’s promise to Moses and was to last **until** Jesus arrived. Everyone who expresses faith have become heirs of God’s original promise.

Background Texts- “sons of God” (Gen 6:2, 4; Job 1:6; 2:1; Psalm 29:1; 82:6; Deut 32:8; 43; Romans 8:14-25; 9:26; Hos 1:10); **Acts 11:12-18**; Romans 4:13-17; Rev 2:26; 1 Corinthians 6:3; Genesis 1:27-28.

LESSON 1- We are no longer immature children, but mature HEIRS

- A. Our inheritance as sons of God is solely through FAITH
(Galatians 3:26; not through the law which was a temporary custodian)
- B. Our inheritance is rooted in being baptized (immersed) in JESUS
(Galatians 3:27; compare 1 Corinthians 10:2- “baptized into Moses”)
- C. Our inheritance brings oneness in Jesus and we are all EQUAL
(Galatians 3:28; Matt 23:7-9; Eph 2:14-17; Acts 11:17; Tosefta 7:18)
- D. Our inheritance makes us heirs according to the promise to ABRAHAM
(Galatians 3:29; **Romans 4:13-17; 8:14-25**; Revelation 2:25-27)

Theological Application:

1. *The truth of the gospel of faith and being called mature heirs should prompt us to ask if we are still showing immaturity by needing the Law to correct our selfish childish behaviors. It’s time to grow up and live according to our status and standing before God in Jesus.*
2. *The realization of our inheritance and future glory should remind us that we are to **PUT ON CHRIST** and “walk worthy of our calling” (Eph 4:1).*
3. *Our future is beyond glorious and living by the Spirit produces His fruit!*

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples