

# “Jesus or Nothing: There is no middle road in Salvation”

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## **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. Paul moves from biblical and logical argument to personal friendship based on integrity and mutual love. We are reminded again that we are not under the law which is a form of slavery. We are **free** children, like Isaac, through the Spirit. If you seek to trust in the law, you are cut off from Christ and salvation.

**Background Texts-** Circumcision- Genesis 17:10-14; Leviticus 12:3; Jeremiah 9:23-26

### **LESSON 1- Righteousness can only be found through the work of JESUS**

- A. The work of Jesus releases us from bondage to enjoy FREEDOM (Galatians 5:1; John 8:32; Romans 8:2; Acts 15:10; free to live for Him!)
- B. The work of Jesus reveals that any other system has NO VALUE (Galatians 5:2-3; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Heb 10:4-14; Matt 16:24-26)
- C. The work of Jesus is based on grace and any other way brings DEATH (Galatians 5:4; 2:16; 3:11; John 19:30; Romans 3:20, 28; John 10:28-30)
- D. The work of Jesus will bring us vindication and will produce LOVE (Gal 5:5-6; 6:15; Romans 8:19, 23, 25; 1 Cor 1:7; Phil 3:20- HOPE!)

### ***Theological Application:***

- 1. *God is going out of His way to keep us focused on the fundamental truths of the gospel in order that we do not go astray and become apostate.*
- 2. *We are reminded that perseverance is the goal in the Christian life.*

<sup>ESV</sup> **Matthew 24:13** But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Revelation 2:26** Jesus said, “The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations.”

*Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciple*