

Galatians

Chapter 3:10-17

I. **Galatians 3:10-13**¹⁰For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. ¹¹But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, The just shall live by faith. ¹²And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. ¹³Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:

a. Cursed

I. **No one was able to continue in all things written in the law to do them. The law is a curse. It shows us sin and condemns us.**

1. **Deuteronomy 27:26** ²⁶Cursed *be* he that confirmeth not *all* the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

a. **The last of twelve curses at Mt. Ebal**

2. **James 2:10** ¹⁰For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

3. **Leviticus 18:5** ⁵Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I *am* the LORD.

b. The law condemns, not to justify

I. **I Timothy 6:9** ⁹But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

II. **Psalms 130:3** ³If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

III. **Matthew 5:18**¹⁸For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

1. If you are trying to keep the law to be saved, then you are under the curse.

IV. **Israel promised to do the law.**

1. Exodus 19:8⁸And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

c. Just shall live by faith

I. **This is actually quoting Habakkuk 2:4 and is used in two other places by Paul and once by the author of Hebrews.**

1. Habakkuk 2:4⁴Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

2. Romans 1:17¹⁷For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

3. Hebrews 10:38³⁸Now the just shall live by faith: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

d. Justification by faith alone - apart from the law and works

I. **Romans 4:4-6**⁴Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. ⁵But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. ⁶Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

II. **II Corinthians 5:21**²¹For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

III. **Romans 3:19-25**¹⁹Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the

law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. ²⁰Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; ²²Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: ²³For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; ²⁴Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: ²⁵Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

1. The law is pictured as a slave master who holds its subjects in bondage.

e. Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree

I. **Deuteronomy 21:22-23**²²And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree: ²³His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged *is* accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

1. A public spectacle. Jesus took upon himself the curse of the law.

f. Christ redeemed us by his blood on the cross

I. **I Peter 1:18-19**¹⁸Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; ¹⁹But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

II. **I Peter 3:18**¹⁸For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to

God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

III. **I Peter 2:24**²⁴Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

IV. **Hebrews 9:22**²²And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

V. **Romans 3:26**²⁶To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

VI. **II Timothy 1:8-9**⁸Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; ⁹Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

VII. **Titus 2:14**¹⁴Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

VIII. **Colossians 2:14**¹⁴Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

1. Israel was also condemned by the law

g. Abraham spiritual father of all believers

1. Galatians 3:7⁷Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

a. Remember that the law was added to the Abrahamic Covenant. It didn't do away with the promise.

II. **Galatians 3:14-15**¹⁴That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. ¹⁵Brethren, I speak after the

manner of men; Though *it be* but a man's covenant, yet *if it be* confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.

a. Blessing of Abraham

I. **Abraham believed God and it was counted as righteousness.**

1. **Romans 4:1-2** ¹What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? ²For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath *whereof* to glory; but not before God.

2. **Ephesians 1:7** ⁷In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

3. **I Corinthians 2:9-10** ⁹But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. ¹⁰But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

b. Come on the Gentiles

I. **This was already known. The mystery was kept hidden, but not that the Gentiles would be blessed through Israel in the Kingdom.**

1. **Isaiah 42:1** ¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

2. **Isaiah 49:6-7** ⁶And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. ⁷Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, *and* his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a

servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, *and* the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

3. Isaiah 59:20-21 ²⁰And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD. ²¹As for me, this *is* my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that *is* upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

4. Isaiah 60:1-3 ¹Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. ²For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. ³And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

c. Man's covenant

I. **Paul uses this idea of a contract. Two parties that enter into a contract is not something designed for separation. The promise and the law were separate. The law didn't replace the promise.**

III. **Galatians 3:16-17**¹⁶Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. ¹⁷And this I say, *that* the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

a. Seed

I. **Verse 16 is a source of confusion. Part of it is the use of the word "seed". Context is key. This is a word that can be singular or plural much like how we use**

it today. You can have a single grass seed or bag of grass seed.

II. Multiplied seed

- 1. Genesis 12:1-3** ¹Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: ²And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: ³And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.
- 2. Genesis 13:14-16** ¹⁴And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: ¹⁵For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. ¹⁶And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, *then* shall thy seed also be numbered.
- 3. Genesis 15:5** ⁵And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.
- 4. Genesis 17:6-8** ⁶And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. ⁸And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

5. **Genesis 22:17-18** ¹⁷That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which *is* upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; ¹⁸And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.
6. **Genesis 26:4** ⁴And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

III. Christ the one seed

1. When Israel acknowledges Christ as Messiah, then will all the nations be blessed.
- a. **Zechariah 8:13** ¹³And it shall come to pass, *that* as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, *but* let your hands be strong.
- b. **Romans 11:25-26** ²⁵For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. ²⁶And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:
- c. **Acts 3:25-26** ²⁵Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. ²⁶Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus,

sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

b. Promise not disannulled

- I. **Just because the law came 430 years later, it didn't and couldn't disannul the promise.**
- II. **Some think that Stephen's account contradicts the timeline.**
- III. **Acts 7:6** ⁶And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat *them* evil four hundred years.
- IV. **Remember Genesis 15:13** ¹³And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land *that is* not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;
 1. **Describes a plural seed**
- V. **Remember Exodus 12:40-42** ⁴⁰Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, *was* four hundred and thirty years. ⁴¹And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt. ⁴²*It is* a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: *this is* that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.
- VI. **The 430 that Paul is talking about is total time from Isaac being 5 and Ishmael departing to the Passover. The 400 is dealing with just the time in Egypt.**