



# **Galatians - Chapter 3:10-12**

## **The Principle of Works**

### **(Cursed by the Law)**

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# Review

## Verses 1-5 – Two Principles

- Is it “by works of law”
- Or “by hearing with faith”

## Verses 6-9 – The Principle of Faith

- Demonstrated in Abraham
- Result – blessing

## Verses 10-12 – The Principle of Works

- Result – Cursing (proved from the law itself!)



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Gal 2:21 "I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness *comes* through the Law, then Christ died needlessly."



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- The same principle as Gal 2:20

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“I’m doing my best.” Doesn’t cut it!



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Therefore, “no one is justified by the Law.”

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- When we walk according to the law? (by works)
  - A righteousness of my own... (Phil 3:9)
  - SELF!