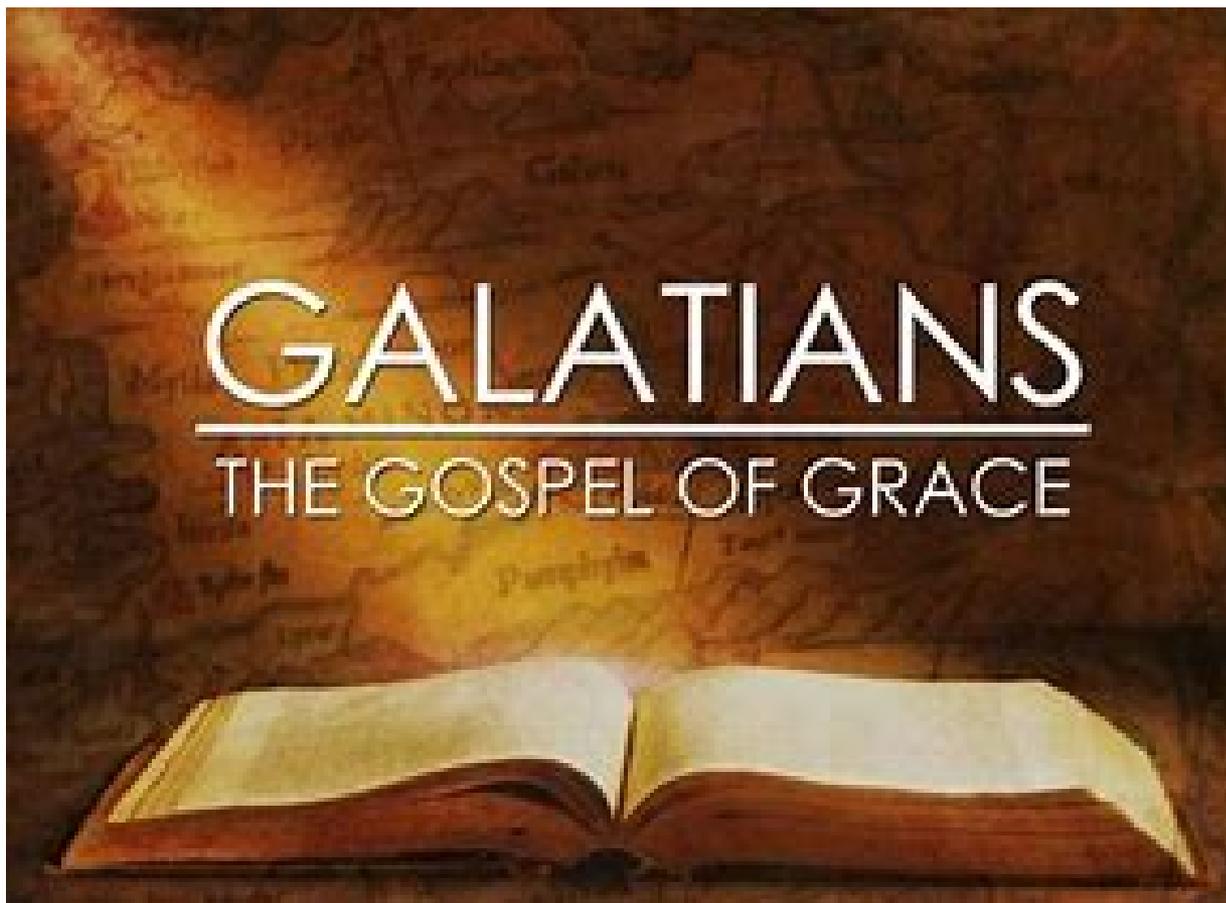




## Gal 3:25-29 We Are All Sons



Paul is going to ask 5 questions to stimulate insightful thinking about justification and human experience.

1. The question is about their delusion and turning from the crucified Christ.
2. The question of the beginning of their Christian life.
3. The question of the root means of their spiritual growth or maturity.
4. The question of their sufferings due to their belief in Christ.
5. The question of the basis of God's present work among them.

## The Doctrinal Logic of 3:6-14

- 1.3:6- The basic principle of justification by faith is illustrated in Abraham, the father of the Hebrew people.
- 2.3:7-9 Any who follow this principle are the true spiritual sons of Abraham; e.g., followers of and recipients of the same spiritual blessings as Abraham received from God on the same basis (faith).
- 3.3:8- That is what God meant in Genesis 12:3 when He promised Abraham that in him all the Gentiles (Hebrew goyim, meaning heathen peoples or nations) would be blessed.
- 4.3:10- Conversely, those under the Law are cursed because: the Law itself curses those who don't obey its every rule.
- 5.3:11-12- Moreover, salvation by the Law and salvation by faith are mutually exclusive because law keeping is based upon works merit, whereas justification before God is based upon faith rest in what God provides for salvation.

6. 3:13-14- Jesus Christ died to deliver men from the condemnatory curse of the Law: blessing, promise, fullness of the Spirit comes solely by faith in Messiah (Christ), whether one is Jew or Gentile.

Paul begins to shift gears now in his argument:

1. If law serves to condemn and curse, men are counted righteous before God only on the basis of faith, then, “Did the Law void the covenant of promise?”
2. The argument in verse 16 is that we expect man to live up to his contracts.
3. Though God gave both the promise and the Law, He in no way is suggesting by adding the Law to the promise that His regular method of dealing with men (the grace-promise method) was changed.

## Verse 3:19 What was the purpose of God giving the Law then?

Now the object of the Law was to bring out the sinner's true condition of soul.

Law highlighted that the acts of man were not just foolish impulses, but direct violations of God's righteousness and will.

Paul has made his point:

1. Justification must be solely by faith in the merits of Christ's work for the sinner.
2. Work efforts can add nothing to the absoluteness of that righteousness.
3. Work efforts can never improve upon the effectiveness of the merits of Christ's death.
4. God never implied otherwise when He gave the Law.
5. His intent was to stop every mouth and conclude the world of humanity under sin.
6. So that human beings would stop looking to themselves for salvation and look only to God's grace in His provided Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

# From Slavery to Freedom via Grace thru Faith - Gal 3:22-24

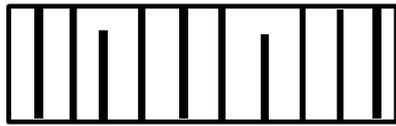
The Scripture  
(reveals mind, will &  
judgment of God)



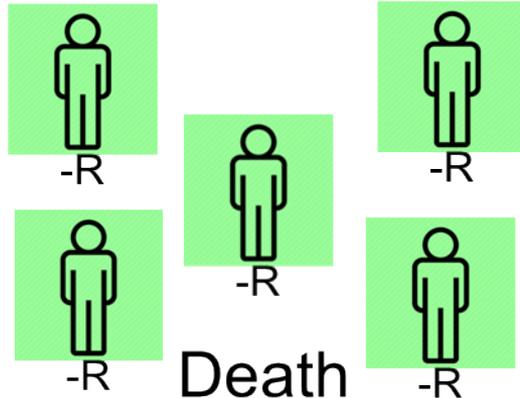
Shuts up (imprisons)



Sin



All Mankind



-R = no righteousness



Jesus Christ  
(Person & Work)



The Law

Guards mankind  
Shuts up mankind to The Faith  
Policeman – keeps mankind in line

~~The Faith~~

(body of truth concerning Christ in  
the dispensation of the Church)

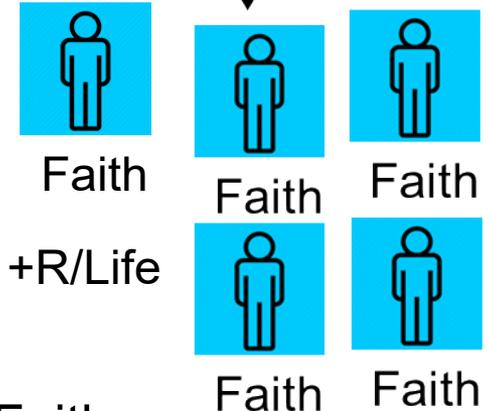
Promise (Grace)



Given (Free Gift)



The Ones Believing



<sup>25</sup> *But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.*

**Romans 3:19-20, 23,27-28,31(NASB)**

<sup>19</sup> *Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God;*

<sup>20</sup> *because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.*

What faith is the verse talking about?

<sup>26</sup> For *you* are all *sons of God* through faith in *Christ Jesus*.

7 Realities of the Christian life vv 26-29:

***Reality Number 1***

<sup>26</sup> For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

***Reality Number 2***

<sup>27</sup> For all of you who were baptized into Christ

***Reality Number 3***

*have clothed yourselves with Christ.*