

The Gospel in Galatians

Lesson #5 Old Testament Faith

Memory Verse **Hand Out Scriptures to read**

Gal. 3:1–14, Rom. 1:2, 4:3, Gen. 15:6, 12:1–3, Lev. 17:11, 2 Cor. 5:21.

Galatians 3:13 (NKJV) *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”),*

Galatians 3:1–14 (NKJV) *O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?*

John 6:28–29 (NKJV) *Then they said to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?” Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”*

The Foolish Galatians

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Matthew 5:22 (NKJV) ²² *But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.*

Matthew 23:17–18 (NKJV) ¹⁷ *Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifies the gold?* ¹⁸

Luke 12:19 ...¹⁹ *And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.”* ²⁰ *But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’*

***Luke 24:25–26** (NKJV) ²⁵ *Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?”*

Romans 2:17–20 *Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God, ¹⁸ and know His will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, ¹⁹ and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, ²⁰ an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law.*

2 Corinthians 4:4–5 (NKJV) *whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. ⁵ For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus’ sake.*

Grounded in Scripture

Galatians 3:6 (NKJV) *just as Abraham “believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”*

In order to appeal to the Galatians from scripture we need the old testament.

Genesis 15:6 *And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.*

***Romans 10:16–17** (NKJV) *But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?” ¹⁷ So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Galatians 3:8 (NKJV) *And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.”*

Romans 1:2 *which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures,*

Romans 4:3 *For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”*

Romans 9:7 *nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, “In Isaac your seed shall be called.”*

Acts 15:15–17 *And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written: ‘After this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up; So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the Lord who does all these things.’ **Amos 9:11–12***

Genesis 21:12 (NKJV) ¹² *But God said to Abraham, “Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called.*

2 Timothy 3:16–17 *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. **Inspiration means “God, breathed.”***

Acts 17:11 *These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.*

Reckoned as Righteous

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Abraham is mentioned 74 times in just the New Testament

***John 8:39–40** *They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham.⁴⁰ But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this.* **Israel References.**

Romans 4:1–5 (NKJV) *What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” ⁴Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. ⁵But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,*

Luke 18:10–14 (NKJV) *“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men— extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ ¹³ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”*

Ezekiel 18:21 (NKJV) *“But if a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.*

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Leviticus 17:11 (NKJV) ¹¹ *For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.’*

Genesis 12:1–3 (NKJV) *Now the Lord had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you. ² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”*

Zechariah 3:1–4 (NKJV) *Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. ² And the Lord said to Satan, “The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?” ³ Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. ⁴ Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, “Take away the filthy garments from him.” And to him He said, “See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes.”*

Redeemed From a Curse

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV) *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

Deuteronomy 27:26 (NKJV) *‘Cursed is the one who does not confirm all the words of this law.’ “And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’ ”*

Curses on Disobedience

Deuteronomy 28:15–20 *“But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: ¹⁶ “Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country. ¹⁷ “Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. ¹⁸ “Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. ¹⁹ “Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out. ²⁰ “The Lord will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me.*

Revelation 22:2–3 (NKJV) *In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ **And there shall be no more curse**, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.*

There are two errors against which the children of God--particularly those who have just come to trust in His grace--especially need to guard. The first, already dwelt upon, is that of looking to their own works, trusting to anything they can do, to bring themselves into harmony with God. He who is trying to become holy by his own works in keeping the law, is attempting an impossibility. All that man can do without Christ is polluted with selfishness and sin. It is the grace of Christ alone, through faith, that can make us holy. The opposite and no less dangerous error is that belief in Christ releases men from keeping the law of God; that since by faith alone we become partakers of the grace of Christ, our works have nothing to do with our redemption. {SC 60.1}

But notice here that obedience is not a mere outward compliance, but the service of love.