

GALATIANS

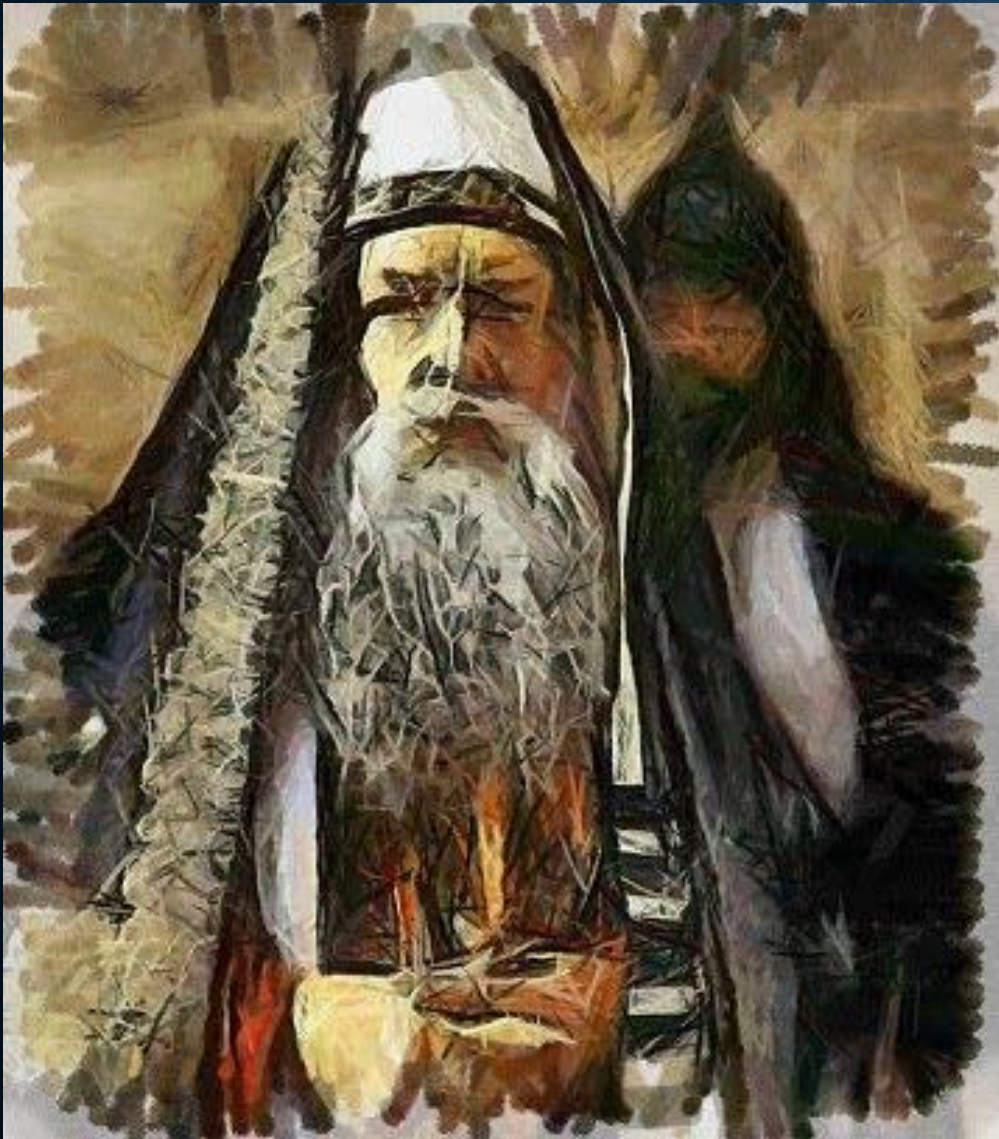
The Gospel & True Freedom

Study 6: Abraham the Covenant and Faith
Gal 3:6-18

STRUCTURE

1. The True Gospel (Gal 1-2)
2. The Inclusive Gospel (Gal 3-4)
3. The Liberating Gospel (Gal 5-6)

COUNTERING THE JUDAISERS



THE STRUCTURE

Gal 3:1-5 Gospel growth through faith

Gal 3:6-18 Abraham : The Covenant and Faith

Gal 3:19-29 The Law and Faith

Gal 4: 1-7 Adoption privilege of sonship



Galatians 3:2-3 (ESV) 2 Let me ask you only this:
Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or
by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish?
Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being
perfected by the flesh?

Athletic metaphorstarted out well and promising



Faith –Spirit empowered transformation



Going back to Works and human effort

WE KEEP HEARING AND BELIEVING



Hearing with faith



Hearing with faith

Hearing with faith

THE CHALLENGE

Galatians 3:5 (ESV) Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—

APPEAL TO ABRAHAM THE FATHER OF FAITH

Galatians 3:6-7 (ESV) 6 just as Abraham

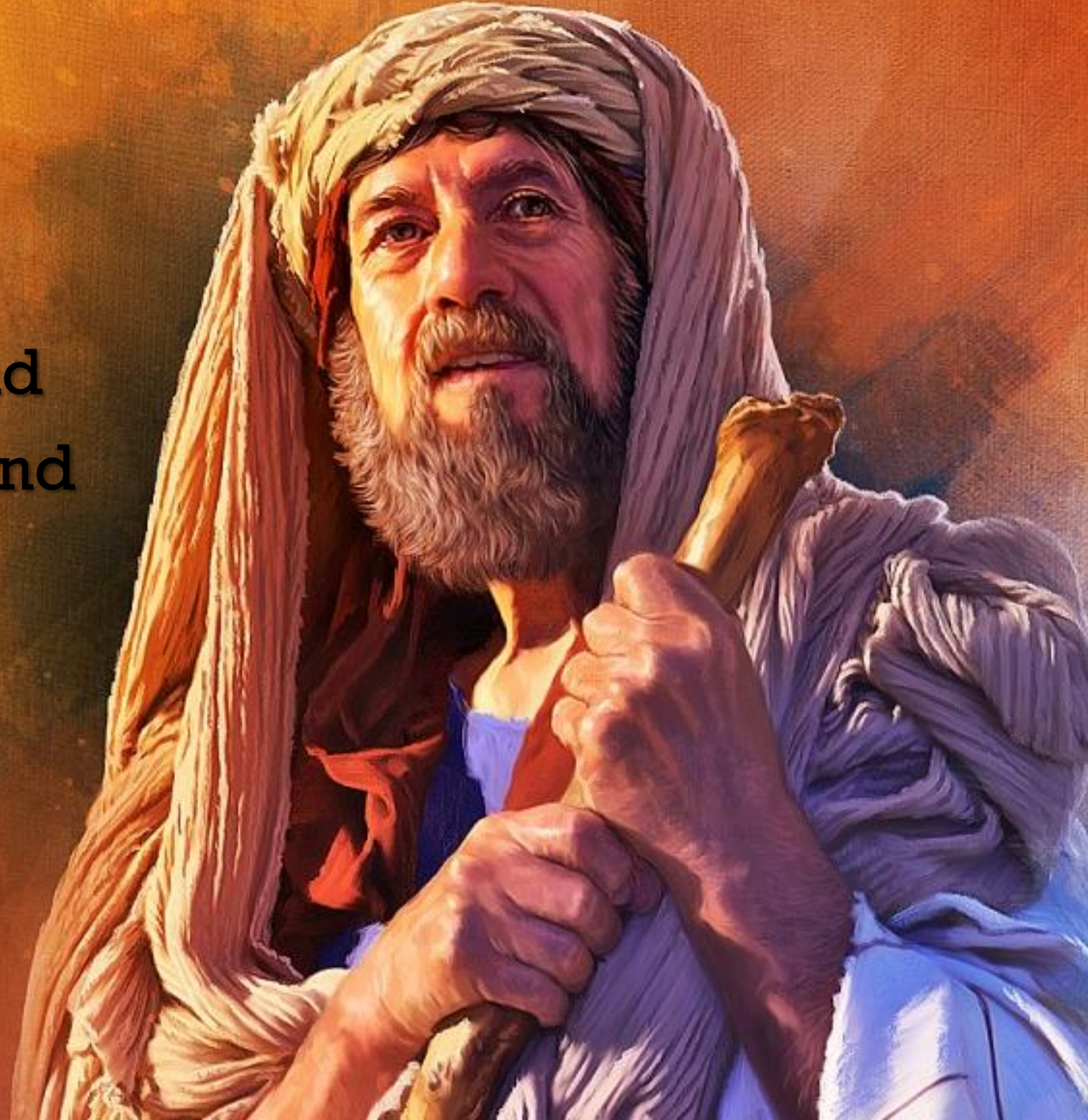
“believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.

CONSISTENT PARADIGM

APPEAL TO FATHER JEWISH RELIGION

**Genesis 15:6 (ESV) 6 And
he believed the LORD, and
he counted it to him as
righteousness.**



A large, diverse group of people of various ages and ethnicities standing together. The group includes men and women of different ages, from young adults to older individuals. They are dressed in casual to semi-formal attire. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The overall composition is a dense, multi-row portrait of the group.

**7 KNOW THEN THAT IT IS THOSE OF FAITH
WHO ARE THE SONS OF ABRAHAM.**

CASH (asset)		EQUIPMENT (asset)	
Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit
	Righteousness		
Genesis 15:6 (ESV) 6 And he believed the LORD, and he <u>counted it</u> to him as righteousness.			

Genesis 12:2-3 (ESV) And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, **and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**

Abraham, saying,

“In you shall all the nations be blessed.” 9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.



MOSES AND THE LAW

Mount Gerizim
(Blessings)

Mount Ebal
(Curses)

Shechem



Deuteronomy 28:2-4 (ESV) And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God..



Deuteronomy 28:15-17 (ESV) But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you.

There is a curse if we depend on our compliance with the Law.”...reason is ...

Galatians 3:10 (ESV) For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written,

“Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.

Non compliance is the default



Sin

Law

James 2:10 (ESV) 10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

CONCLUSION

Galatians 3:11-12 (ESV) 11 Now it is evident

that no one is justified before God by the law,

for “The righteous shall live by faith.” 12 But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.”



Faith

Law-works

**12 BUT THE
LAW IS NOT OF
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DOES THEM
SHALL LIVE BY
THEM.**

**FAITH –RECEIVING BASED ON
SOMEONE ELSE’S MERIT**



**LAW –FULFILLING IT ON
ONE’S OWN EFFORT**



Galatians 3 :12 But the law is not of faith,
rather “The one who does them shall live
by them.”

Isaiah 53
astray;

we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

CASH
(asset)

Debit

Credit

EQUIPMENT
(asset)

Debit

Credit

On what basis is this done ?

Genesis 15:6 (ESV) 6 And he believed the LORD, and he **counted it** to him as righteousness.

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by **becoming a curse for us**—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.



Deuteronomy 21:22-23 (ESV)

And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, 23 his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God.

PENAL SUBSTITUTION

Isaiah 53:5 (ESV) 5 But .. He was killed for our crimes
he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for Punishments;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

Effects a cure from the consequences of our sin

OFFERING

Isaiah 53:10-11 (ESV) Yet it was the will of the LORD to
crush him; he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,

THE PERFECT SUBSTITUTE

Isaiah 53:9 (ESV) And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

THE RESULT

Isaiah 53:11-12
shall see the fruit of his labors, and he

Penal substitution

by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

LANGUAGE OF SUBSTITUTION

Leviticus 16:21-22 (ESV) And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins. And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness. 22 The goat shall bear all their iniquities on itself to a remote area, and he shall let the goat go free in the wilderness.





Hebrews 10:3-4 (ESV) But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.
4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

EXPIATE

- Cleansing
- Cancelling
- Purging
- Annulling

PROPITIATE

- Allay Gods wrath
- Satisfy Gods justice

THE CONTENT OF THE GOSPEL

2 Cor 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

He did not become sinful no more as if we became righteous but he was treated as if he was sin and we were treated as righteous even though we are sinful

ORIGINAL COVENANT

Genesis 12:3 (ESV) 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

FULFILMENT

Galatians 3:14 (ESV) so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.



THE BOOK OF THE COVENANT

Non conditional

VS.

THE
T OF
THE LAW?

Conditional

COVENANT

THE PROMISE IS LIKE HUMAN WILLS

Once finalised cannot be changed with time

Galatians 3:15-16 (ESV) To give a human example,
brothers: even with a man-made covenant,

no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified.

THE SOLE BENEFICIARY OF THE COVENANT WAS TARGETTED TO A SINGLE PERSON

Galatians 3:16 (ESV) Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ.

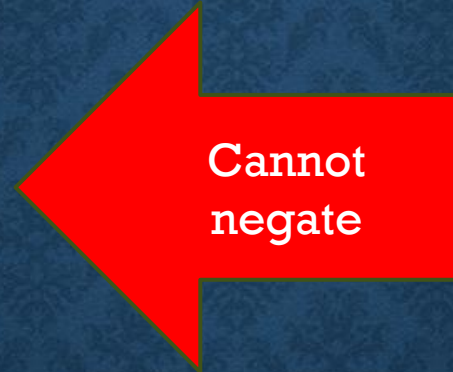


**Covenant
promises**

All who are united with Christ

Received by faith in Christ

Covenantal promises



430 years

Galatians 3:17 (ESV) This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void.

THE NATURE OF COVENANT NON CONDITIONAL

Galatians 3:18 (ESV) 18 For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.