

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Galatians

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Galatians 3 brings us to Paul's _____ defense of the Gospel of grace. In verses 1-5, he posed a series of probing questions designed to confound the _____ reasoning that salvation came through Christ plus obedience to the OT law. In today's text, he makes the argument that you cannot be in agreement with these two opposing bands—one of faith and one of works. A choice has to be made; will it be of faith or will it be of works? You cannot have both, as these two _____ are not in harmony with one another. Since these false teachers were Jews and revered "father Abraham," the apostle goes right to the heart of the matter by using him as the prime example for justification by _____ in Christ alone.

A FAMILY FEUD - GALATIANS 3:6-14

1. Family of faith... _____ by the faith of Abraham – Galatians 3:6-9, 13-14

a. Blessings of the family

- Righteousness by _____ – verse 6; Genesis 15:1-18; Ro. 4:1-13

- Children of Abraham by faith – verse 7; Rev. 3:20

- Justification by _____ – verse 8a; 22:1-14; Heb. 11:17-19

Justification – The remission of sin and absolution from guilt and punishment; the act of free grace by which God pardons the sinner and accepts him as righteous, on account of the atonement of Christ.

- All men in every nation (Gentiles) can be blessed by faith – verse 8b; Genesis 18:18

- Blessed with _____ Abraham – verse 9; Heb. 11:1, 8-10

b. Blessings from Christ

- _____ from the curse of the law – verse 13a; 1 Peter 1:18; Rev. 5:9

- Christ was made a curse for us – verse 13b; Deut. 21:22-23; 2 Cor. 5:21

- Received the _____ of the Spirit – verse 14; John 14:26; 16:7-15

2. Family of works... _____ by the works of the law – Galatians 3:10-12

a. Curses of the family

- Living under the curse – verse 10a; James 2:10-11
- Cursed to _____ in the law – verse 10b; Deut. 27:26

b. Curses from works

- No justification before God – verse 11; Hab. 2:4; Ro. 3:20; 7:6-11
- Law is not faith – they do _____ agree – verse 12a; Phil. 3:1-10; Ro. 10:1-17
- Condemned to live by works – verse 12b; Lev. 18:5; Galatians 2:16, 21; 3:2, 21; 4:8-10

3. The doctrinal conclusion

- Righteousness does not come by the works of the law, but by _____. The law curses those in its family, but Christ has born the _____ as our substitute, justifying us and placing all believers into the family of God.