

/We will begin with the third lecture of the book of Galatians. / Today we will begin with Galatians chapter 3. / The title of chapter 3 is “The Cross.” / Let us look at the main points. / First, do not return to the flesh. / Verses 1-5.

/Second, those who believe will become sons of Abraham. / Verses 6-9. / Third, redemption from the curse of the law. / Verses 10-14. / Fourth, the law and the promise. / Verses 15-22. / Fifth, teachers of the law and Christ. / Verses 23-29.

/Read verse 1. / You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified.

/The believers at Galatia received the right gospel from Paul. / Then they believed in the redemption of the cross of Jesus Christ and were saved. / Thus, they looked upon the cross of Jesus Christ with spiritual eyes.

/However, they were deceived by false teachers. / Therefore, the believers at Galatia abandoned their faith. / Thus, Paul rebuked the believers at Galatia with a loving heart for them.

/Verse 2. / I would like to learn just one thing from you : Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard?

/Paul asked the believers at Galatia a question. / “Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard?” / Paul encouraged them to think about the grace they received in the past, and return to the right faith.

/The believers at Galatia were first saved through the gospel. / They received the Holy Spirit. / They were saved by faith. / They were not saved by observing the law.

/Verse 3. / Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?

/The believers at Galatia believed in the truth of the Holy Spirit, and they had a spiritual relationship with Christ. / They learned the right faith through the apostle Paul. / However, they were deceived by false teachers. / They then began to insist on circumcision. / They returned to fleshly ways. / They learned correctly from Paul and had true faith, / but now they'd become flesh-centered.

/Verse 4. / Have you suffered so much for nothing--if it really was for nothing?

/The believers at Galatia were persecuted for correctly believing in Jesus. / They rejoiced when they received the gospel, and they gladly suffered for the church. / However, now the believers at Galatia had left the true gospel.

/Then they followed a different gospel. / They followed a false gospel. / Therefore, their works of having followed the right gospel in the past were for nothing. / Therefore, we must begin with the Holy Spirit and end with the Holy Spirit.

/We must begin with the right gospel and end with the right gospel. / We must begin with the right faith and end with the right faith.

/Verse 5. / Does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you because you observe the law, or because you believe what you heard?

/The Holy Spirit worked in the believers at Galatia in the past. / They also experienced God's power. / In those times, the grace and works that they experienced did not come from observing the law. / The power of the Holy Spirit is accomplished through the gospel. / The Holy Spirit works through the gospel. / We are also saved by faith.

/Verse 6. / Consider Abraham : "He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

/Genesis 15:5-6. / It was prophesied that Christ would be born from the offspring of Abraham. / God told Abraham, "Your offspring will be as many as the stars in the sky." / Abraham believed in God's word.

/Therefore, God called Abraham, "righteous." God called Abraham a righteous man. / Abraham became righteous through faith in the coming Christ. / In this way, all who believe in Christ become righteous like Abraham.

/Verse 7. / Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham.

/Abraham became righteous through faith in the coming Christ. / Therefore, believers of Christ today are all descendants of Abraham. / Those who have Abraham's faith are all Abraham's children. / Romans 9:6-7. / Romans 2:28-29.

/Verses 8-9. / The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham : "All nations will be blessed through you." So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

/Genesis 12:3 says, "All nations will be blessed through you." / This prophesied that the Gentiles would become righteous and saved through faith. / Now, the Gentiles became Abraham's children because they believed in Christ.

/The Gentiles would receive blessings with Abraham. / Therefore, we are all saved by faith, and we received blessings through faith.

/Verse 10. / All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written : "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."

/Deuteronomy 27:26. / There is no one who can perfectly observe the law. / Therefore, all who are of the law are under a curse. / James 2:10 says, / whoever keeps the law but breaks one of them is guilty of breaking all of them. / There are 613 commands in the law.

/There is no one who can keep all 613 commands. / The 613 commands are like one long chain. / When one link is broken, the chain cannot be used.

/Anyone who breaks even one of the commands is subject to judgment. / Therefore, it is impossible for anyone who tries to receive salvation by observing the law. / Therefore, anyone who tries to receive salvation by observing the law is under a curse.

/Verse 11. / Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, "The righteous will live by faith."

/In the Bible, it says that only the righteous will live by faith. / Habakkuk 2:4 / Romans 1:17 / Hebrews 10:38 / Therefore, no one can become righteous through the law. / The righteous live by faith alone. / We become righteous by faith.

/Verse 12. / The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, "The man who does these things will live by them."

/The law says that those who obey the law will live by them. / Therefore, the law is not based on faith. / Leviticus 18:5.

/Verse 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 hung on a tree."

/Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law. / To "redeem" means to free the one who was imprisoned. / It says, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." / Deuteronomy 21:23.

/Jesus received curses in our place when He died on the cross. / Jesus paid for our sins, and He freed us from the curse of the law.

/Verse 14. / He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

/Christ redeemed us chosen believers from the curse of the law, through His death on the

cross. / There is no discrimination here regarding Jews and Gentiles. / Anyone who believes in Christ Jesus receives redemption and salvation. / We also received the Holy Spirit as was promised. / We also participate in the promise of blessings that God made with Abraham.

/Verse 15. / Brothers, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case.

/No one should break promises with anyone. / God's promises will not change or be broken. / God promised believers of their salvation. / Therefore, this will be eternally unchanging.

/Verse 16. / The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ.

/This is an important verse. / Here, "promises" refer to God's promise of Christ to Abraham and his descendants. / Genesis 15:5 / Here, the promises indicate the coming Christ.

/Thus, it is Jesus Christ, the Son of the covenant promise. / Romans 9:7-8. / Thus, many believers would be saved through Christ. / God promised Abraham, "Your offspring will be as many as the stars in the sky."

/This meant that God would send Christ from among Abraham's descendants. / This also meant that those who believe in Christ would number to be as many as the stars in the sky.

/Therefore, all who believe in Jesus today are Abraham's descendants. / In the Old Testament times, people were saved through faith in the coming Christ. / In the New Testament times, people are saved through faith in Jesus Christ who had already come.

/Verse 17. / What I mean is this : The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise.

/God promised Abraham, Christ. / Then 430 years later, God gave the law through Moses. / Was Abraham first? Was Moses first? / Was the gospel first? Was the law first?

/God gave Abraham the promise of Christ 430 years before the law. / Therefore, the law, which came later, cannot set aside or destroy the covenant of the gospel.

/Verse 18. / For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on a promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise.

/God gave us an inheritance as a promise. / Promises do not come with conditions, but the law comes with the condition that we must abide by the law. / Man cannot keep the entire law. / Therefore, one cannot receive an inheritance through the law.

/However, God gave Abraham a promise without any conditions. / God promised Abraham the coming Christ. / Therefore, all who believe participate in the promise with Abraham. / We believers participate with Abraham in Christ.

/Verse 19. / What, then, was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was put into effect through angels by a mediator.

/The inheritance came from the promise. / Then why did God give his people the law? / This is an important subject. / Why did God give his people the law? / First, it was so that they would recognize their sins. / Romans 3:20 / Romans 5:13

/Second, it was so that man would see his weaknesses and incompetence. / Romans 7:8 / Third, it was so that they would be led to Christ. / Fourth, it was so that they would receive the inheritance with faith that was allowed to Abraham.

/We must all remember the purposes for why God gave his people the law. / The law was given to Moses through an angel. / Acts 7:53 / The mediator of the law is Moses. / The promised Seed is Christ.

/Verse 20. / A mediator, however, does not represent just one party; but God is one.

/Here it compares the law with the gospel. / The mediator represents both parties. / God made Moses the mediator between him and the people. / The law that God gave Moses came with conditions.

/When the people carried out the law, God blessed them. / However, when they failed to obey the law, they were punished by God. / Here is says, “but God is one.”

/This means that the promise of Christ that God gave to Abraham was done by God alone. / God gave the promise of Christ without any conditions, independently and by God’s own will. / God made the promise by himself.

/God, by himself, also sent Christ to carry his promise. / God independently gave us the promised inheritance.

/Verse 21. / Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law.

/The law is not opposed to the promises of God. / The promises of God and the law do not conflict with each other. / The reason is because, first, no one is made righteous by observing the law. / Verse 10. / Second, no one is saved by the law. No one is saved by observing the law.

/Third, one recognizes his sins through the law, and that leads him to Christ. / Therefore, God did not give the law so that his people could be saved by keeping it. / God gave the law so that it would play the role of a teacher that leads us to Christ. / Verse 25.

/There is no one who can keep the law. / Verses 10-11. / The wages of sin is death, and one cannot live by the law. / Therefore, without the death of atonement of Christ, we would have

no way to forgiveness of our sins.

/Verse 22. / But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.

/Here, “Scripture” refers to the Bible that recorded the law. / The law made everything a prisoner of sin. / Romans 3:19-20 / Thus, all people were cleansed of their sins through the law.

/The purpose of this was so that people would believe in Jesus Christ and participate in the promise of Abraham. / Thus, the purpose was so that people would be saved and become righteous through Christ.

/Verse 23. / Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed.

/Here, “Before this faith came” refers to the time before Christ came. / At that time, people were prisoners by the law and were locked up in sin. / It says, “locked up until faith should be revealed.”

/This refers to the time when Christ would come. / Now, Christ came, and therefore, we received freedom and liberation.

/Verse 24. / So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.

/Here, they who “lead us” are like directors who teach children and young men of their masters. / They are like tutors. / When the master’s children are young, these tutors teach the children. / The master’s children will receive the master’s inheritance.

/However, the master is also under the care of a teacher when he is young. / Then when he grows, he leaves the care of his director. / Now, he has freedom and he receives his



inheritance.

/Therefore, the child no longer needs a director when he has grown up. / In the same way, we believers received the guidance of the law before we were led to Christ.

/Now that we have been led to Christ, we become righteous through faith. / After we came to Christ, we were liberated from the law, and now we live with Christ. / Therefore, believers of Jesus today have been freed and liberated from the law. / We have grown. / We must no longer be bound by the law.

/Verse 25. / Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.

/We recognize our sins through the law, and we are led to Christ. / However, once we believe in Christ, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.

/Verse 26. / You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,

/Believers have become sons of Christ through faith in Christ Jesus. / We have become heirs who will receive our Father God's inheritance. / We are God's children. / We have the right to receive the inheritance in heaven.

/Our God is our Father, / and we are God's children. / Hence, we call God, "Abba, Father." / We received the right to receive inheritance in heaven. / We became heirs.

/Did this happen through the law? / No. / We became righteous through faith in Jesus. / We became God's sons through Jesus. / We all are sons of God. / We are all sons of God, whether we are male or female.

/Verse 27. / for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

/Here, it says, “all of you who were baptized into Christ.” / To be “baptized” is a sign of cleansing. / Thus, it is a sign that our sins have been washed away by the blood of Christ. / It is a sign that we have been cleansed with the blood of Christ and we have become united with Christ.

/Therefore, believers have been baptized into Christ. / It also says, “clothed yourselves with Christ.” / This means that we have been clothed with the righteousness of Jesus Christ. / Believers have become righteous.

/They have become connected to the life of Christ. / Romans 13:14 / They have been clothed with the righteousness of Jesus Christ. / This means that we become more and more like Christ. / Now, our souls must grow.

/The character of our faith must become like Jesus. / We must become more and more like Christ. / Our spirits must grow more and more.

/Verse 28. / There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

/There is no discrimination in Christ. / Whoever believes in Jesus receives salvation. / Everyone becomes spiritually one in Christ. / Whoever believes in Jesus becomes God’s sons and daughters, without discrimination. / Therefore, believers gave the right to receive God’s inheritance.

/Verse 29. / If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

/All who believe in Jesus belong to Christ. / Believers are Abraham’s descendants. / Believers will receive the inheritance of God’s kingdom. / Believers are Abraham’s descendants. / That is because we received Abraham’s faith. / Hence, we will receive the inheritance in God’s kingdom as was promised. / We received salvation through faith.

/However, it does not end there. / When we die, we will enjoy eternal happiness in eternal

heaven. / We will receive the beautiful inheritance of heaven.

/Believers will also worship and praise God, and will be eternally happy. / Believers will forever worship and walk with God in heaven in fellowship with one another.

/With this we will conclude the third lecture on Galatians. / Thank you.