

Galatians 3

Introduction.

- A. Paul firmly corrects the error that salvation must be accompanied by adherence to the Jewish law.
- B. The escape of Eliza.

I. The Foolishness of Abandoning Faith (3:1–5).

- A. Paul rebukes the Galatians for turning away from the gospel.
- B. Rhetorical questions.
 - 1. Did you receive the Spirit by works or by faith?
 - 2. You began in the Spirit—why try to finish in the flesh?

II. Abraham: The Example of Justification by Faith (3:6–9).

- A. Abraham believed God, and it was credited as righteousness.
- B. True children of Abraham are those who have faith.
- C. Blessing comes through faith.

III. The Curse of the Law (3:10–14).

- A. The Law requires perfect obedience and brings a curse.
- B. The righteous live by faith.
- C. Christ became a curse for us to redeem us.

IV. The priority of the Promise 15-18).

- A. God's promise to Abraham came before the Law.
- B. The promise is fulfilled in Christ.
- C. Inheritance comes by promise, not law.

V. The Purpose of the Law (3:19–25).

- A. The Law was given because of transgressions.
- B. The Law cannot give life but reveals sin.
- C. The Law served as a guardian until Christ came.

VI. Our Identity in Christ (3:26–29).

- A. We are children of God through faith.
- B. We are clothed with Christ.
- C. We are one in Christ.
- D. We are heirs according to the promise.