



THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

The Truth About The Gospel

The Dangers of Legalism, Liberalism, & Literalism

Lesson #3 = *The Salvation of the Gospel (Galatians 3)*

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Introduction: The book of Galatians presents an effective case for the gospel of Christ. It challenges the basic principles of legalism, yet also reveals the dangers of liberalism and literalism. Paul shows the necessity of balance and understanding within the Christian community. In the kingdom of God there is room for legalism, liberalism, and literalism... but it can be dangerous if one group dominates the thoughts and/or vision of the church family. Everyone matures at a different rate. Not everyone sees things exactly as another. What Paul advocates, in this letter, is that God loves us ALL the same. Instead of focusing on all of our differences, we need to find our common identity in Christ. In this third chapter, Paul describes how we are justified by faith and describes the purpose of God's law. He shows us how the gospel can lead us to salvation. Let's study together.....

Discussion:

I. Saved By Justification (3:1-9)

- A. The Foolishness of God's People (vs.1-3)
- B. The Vanity of God's People (vs.4-9)

II. Saved From Condemnation (3:10-14)

- A. Cursed Under The Old Law (vs.10-12)
- B. Neglected Under The Old Law (vs.13-14)

III. Saved Through Organization (3:15-25)

- A. A Promise That Never Changes (vs.15-18)
- B. A Plan That Never Changes (vs.19-25)

IV. Saved With Adoption (3:26-29)

- A. The Baptism of a Child of God (vs.26-27)
- B. The Genealogy of a Child of God (vs.28-29)

Conclusion: To this point in the series we have noticed how no one group of people has a monopoly on God or His church. We have recognized the fact that all of us should feel compelled to share the grace of God with others (**Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-1**). We have seen that God alone has authority over His church and has established the order of the gospel. Now we see the purpose of the gospel... to save souls! How can you strengthen your faith in God by reacquainting yourself with the gospel message? What are you going to do with the gospel? Will you share it? Will you obey it? Will you be saved?



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