

Beulah Missionary Baptist Church
Noon Day Prayer – Bible Study
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12:00 Noon



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Lesson #21 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you?

Scripture: Galatians 3:1 – 29

Emphasis: Galatians 3:3

“Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?”

Subject: “Who has tricked you to abandon your Faith to follow the Law?”

Background: The Letter to the Galatians was probably Paul’s first or earliest Epistles written to a local congregation or congregations that were established during Barnabas and Paul’s first Missionary Journey. Paul confidently declares his Legitimacy as an Apostle (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead) The Apostle Paul refutes the Judaizers who taught the Gentile Believers that they must obey the Jewish Law in order to be saved and to instruct the Christians to Faith and Freedom in Christ Jesus. The Judaizers not only taught strict observance the Jewish Law, but also insisting that the Gentile Christians must be Circumcised. Paul declares that the Gospel that was first Preached to the Galatians was Pure and Authentic and there is no other Gospel. Paul writes that the Gospel is Greater than Legalism and certainly there is Freedom in the Gospel of Christ.

Introduction: In this 21st Lesson of the Epistle from Paul to the Galatians, we start our study in Galatians Chapter 3. There are Four Major Topics: 1). Why were the Galatians so foolish and Bewitched? 2). The Lord ministers to you through the Spirit Miracles not by works of the Law, but by Faith 3). The Just shall live by faith 4). The Law was added because of Transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made

Lesson Topic #1 Galatians 3:1 – 5

“O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? 2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? 4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain. 5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?”

- Who Tricked you to going back to the Old System
 - Fact #1 The Law vs the Spirit
 - The Law restricts the Believer because of the Believer’s own Short Comings.
 - The Law Condemns the Believer and does not offer Salvation unless the Believer is Perfect in Keeping the Law
 - The Law is Holy and therefore he who falls short of keeping the Law cannot obtain Holiness
 - The Spirit removes Barriers and releases the Believer to Trust in the Law Giver and not strict adherence to the Law
 - The Spirit Transforms the Believer to Holiness beyond what the Law could never do through Faith
 - The Spirit gives the Believer Freedom to comply “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” (Romans 12:1-2)
 - Fact #2 Stick to the Facts of the Gospel
 - The Gospel teaches us that we are Saved by our Faith only and not by our works, not what we wear or don’t wear, not by what we do to our bodies or don’t do, not by what we eat or don’t eat
 - Salvation comes as a free gift of God to those who believe in the Son
 - Remission of our sins comes only from the Blood Shed on Calvary
 - Fact #3 Are you Saved by Works or the Law?
 - Faith come by Hearing the Word of God to Salvation not Law
 - Once the Law was presented to Man, it confirmed his inabilities
 - Man could not undo the Law nor could he undo the breaking of Law

Lesson Topic #2 Galatians 3:6 – 9

“Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. 7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. 8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. 9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.”

- Abraham Believed God

- Realities #1 Abraham Obtained Righteousness through Faith
 - Abraham was credited by Faith and Declared Righteous some 645 years before the Law was given to Moses
 - “After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. 2 And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? 3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. 4 And, behold, the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. 5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. 6 And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.” (Gen 15:1-5)
- Realities #2 We are the Children of Abraham through Faith
 - Through our Faith, we become the Seed of Abraham
 - We are the Decedents of Abraham, not through Blood, but through our Faith in our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus
 - “Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.” (Gen 12:1-3)
- Realities #3 God was Faithful to Abraham
 - Because was Faithful to Abraham, God has been Faithful to us
 - We are Saved because of God's Promises to Abraham and all the Nations of the Earth are Blessed with Salvation because of Faith

Lesson Topic #3 Galations 3:10 – 14

“For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. 11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. 12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. 13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: 14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

- Those who Continue Under the Law
 - Truths #1 The Works of the Law
 - Those who depend on the Law for Salvation must do them
 - There is not a Second Chance with the Law, nor is there a Do Over
 - The Law is Perfect and therefore those who keep the Law must be Perfect in keeping the Law
 - Truths #2 God does not Justify those who Keep the Law
 - God has not Justified Man or Mankind for Keeping the Law
 - No one has been able to Keep the Law since it was given to Moses
 - Some can Keep some Laws, but have no Faith
 - Christ Fulfilled the Law and all we need is Faith in Him to be Justified by God
 - Truths #3 Christ Redeemed us from the Curse of the Law
 - Cursed is the Law to us because we cannot Keep the Whole Law
 - Christ Humiliated Himself and Ruined His Reputation to Save us
 - Cursed is Anyone that is Hanged on a Tree (Look to Calvary)

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise”

Conclusion: We are now the Sons and Daughters of Abraham by Faith

Exercise our **Faith** and **Act** on our **Faith** accordingly. The Bible says that we are to be **Doers** of God's **Word** and not just **Hearers** only.

Let us Pray

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