

The Letter to the Galatians: Chapter 3

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(1 – 4) What is the major theme that Paul addressed in his series of questions? What would have been the specific relevance to his Jewish audience based on the threat that was posed by false teachers, and how can we apply the message that he communicated?

(5 – 6) What point regarding faith and works did Paul make in the question that he posed in verse 5? Describe the significance of the reference that Paul made to Abraham in verse 6, and how this reference relates to his point about the importance of faith. (*Genesis 15: 6; Romans 4: 9 – 10*)

(7 – 9) What point did Paul make by referencing the promise that God had made to Abraham that all nations would be blessed through him? How did his observation relate to the topic of the relationship between faith and works, particularly regarding the works of the Old Law?
(*Genesis 12: 3; Matthew 3: 8 – 9*)

(10 – 12) How did Paul describe those who still adhered to the Old Law? What point did he make regarding the importance of acting on faith as compared to doing the works of the Law? How can we employ Paul's message to enhance our understanding of the relationship between faith and works?
(*Deuteronomy 27: 26; Habakkuk 2: 4; Leviticus 18: 5*)

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(13 – 14) How did Paul describe the significance of the sacrifice that Christ made for us? What was the result of that sacrifice, and how should we respond to the outcome? (*Deuteronomy 21: 22 – 23; Matthew 5: 17 – 18*)

(15 – 18) How did Paul describe the general nature of a covenant? Describe the comparison that Paul makes between the covenant that God made with Abraham, and the covenant that God made with us through Christ. What does Paul's description of that covenant teach us about God's grace? (*Genesis 22: 18; Romans 11: 6*)

(19 – 22) How did Paul describe the difference between the Old Law and the New Covenant? What is the primary difference between the two, and what purpose did the Old Law serve in relation to the New Covenant? (*Acts 13: 38 – 39; Romans 10: 4*)

(23 – 25) What illustration did Paul use to describe the purpose of the Old Law? Based on Paul's illustration, describe the role that faith had in the transition from the Old Law to the New Covenant. (*Romans 3: 21 – 24*)

(26 – 29) How did Paul describe our relationship with Christ? As Paul refers to Christians as "heirs" in verse 29, what do faithful believers inherit, and what is the source of that inheritance? How can we use Paul's description to help us understand the importance of unity within the church? (*Ephesians 4: 4 – 6; 1 Peter 2: 9; Romans 8: 15 – 17*)