

Children of Abraham - Lesson Six

Galatians 3:1-25, Romans 4:11-17

Genesis 12:2,3 15:5,6 18:18,19 22:15-18

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PREPARE

- Summarize what Paul wrote in Galatians 1 and 2
- Read Genesis 12:2,3 15:5,6 17:1-8 18:18,19 22:15-18
- Read Romans 4:11-17
- Read Galatians 3:1-25

QUESTIONS

1. How does Paul argue against legalism and for faith as the salvation principle? (Gal. 3:1-5)
2. How was Abraham justified? What example is that for us? (Gal. 3:6-14)
3. How does the blessing of Abraham come to us?
4. What is the result of relying on the law?
5. How did Christ redeem us?
6. Why does the promise (working through faith) have precedence over the law? (Gal.3: 15-18)
7. Why did God give the law to Israel? (Gal 3:19-25)
8. What does it mean for you that you are a 'child of Abraham' and that the 'blessing of Abraham' has come to us?

WORD STUDIES

- Gal 3:1 - Bewitched <ebaskanen> implies involvement of evil eye.
- Gal 3:6 - Credited as righteousness <elogisthe eis dikaiosunen> term from accountancy.
- Gal 3:8 - Scripture <graphe> All nations <ta ethne>
- Gal 3:13 - Redeemed <exegorasen> - buy from market / pay ransom / pay bail
- Gal 3:15 - Covenant <diatheken> used in Septuagint for covenant with Abraham. Stress on one party, otherwise suntheke would be used. That is: covenant of equal parties.
- Gal 3:18 - Inheritance <kleronomia> Mt 5:5 25:34 1 Cor 6:9 Rom 4:13
- Gal 3:24 - Put in charge <paidagoogos> cf Supervision, vs 25. Slave supervising children. Schoolmaster would be didaskalos.
Lead us <gegonen>