



## THE RADICAL GOSPEL IS THE TRUE GOSPEL

### GALATIANS 3:1-14

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"a different gospel...a distorted gospel...a contrary gospel" - Galatians 1:6-9

**The radical truth of the gospel is that God accepts you not because of what you do but because of what Jesus does for you.**

Oh, foolish Galatians! What magician has hypnotized you and cast an evil spell upon you? For you used to see the meaning of Jesus Christ's death as clearly as though I had waved a placard before you with a picture on it of Christ dying on the cross. -Galatians 3:1 LB

Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by trying to keep the Jewish laws? Of course not, for the Holy Spirit came upon you only after you heard about Christ and trusted him to save you. -Galatians 3:2 LB

Then have you gone completely crazy? For if trying to obey the Jewish laws never gave you spiritual life in the first place, why do you think that trying to obey them now will make you stronger Christians? -Galatians 3:3 LB

You have suffered so much for the Gospel. Now are you going to just throw it all overboard? I can hardly believe it! -Galatians 3:4 LB

I ask you again, does God give you the power of the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you as a result of your trying to obey the Jewish laws? No, of course not. It is when you believe in Christ and fully trust him. -Galatians 3:5 LB

Abraham had the same experience—God declared him fit for heaven only because he believed God's promises. -Galatians 3:6 LB

Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. -Colossians 2:16-17

You can see from this that the real children of Abraham are all the men of faith who truly trust in God. -Galatians 3:7 LB

What's more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when God would save the Gentiles also, through their faith. God told Abraham about this long ago when he said, "I will bless those in every nation who trust in me as you do." -Galatians 3:8 LB

And so it is: all who trust in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received. -Galatians 3:9 LB

And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness. -Genesis 15:6

And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. -James 2:23

Yes, and those who depend on the Jewish laws to save them are under God's curse, for the Scriptures point out very clearly, "Cursed is everyone who at any time breaks a single one of these laws that are written in God's Book of the Law." -Galatians 3:10 LB

**Consequently, it is clear that no one can ever win God's favor by trying to keep the Jewish laws because God has said that the only way we can be right in his sight is by faith.**

As the prophet Habakkuk says it, "The man who finds life will find it through trusting God." -Galatians 3:11 LB





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How different from this way of faith is the way of law, which says that a man is saved by obeying every law of God, without one slip. -Galatians 3:12 LB

**But Christ has bought us out from under the doom of that impossible system by taking the curse for our wrongdoing upon himself.**

For it is written in the Scripture, "Anyone who is hanged on a tree is cursed" (as Jesus was hung upon a wooden cross). -Galatians 3:13 LB

Now God can bless the Gentiles, too, with this same blessing he promised to Abraham; and all of us as Christians can have the promised Holy Spirit through this faith. -Galatians 3:14 LB

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. -Romans 3:23-24

**The radical truth of the gospel is that God accepts you not because of what you do but because of what Jesus does for you.**

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. -Galatians 3:1

Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? -Galatians 3:2

**Only a radical gospel delivers us from spiritual deception.**

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. -Acts 4:12

**Only a radical gospel allows us to live in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

"Receive the Spirit...having begun by the Spirit...he who supplies the Spirit to you...receive the promised Spirit through faith" -Galatians 3:1-5, 14

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. -Ezekiel 36:26-27

**Only a radical gospel releases us from the hamster wheel of religious performance and into the life-giving grace of God.**

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel -Galatians 1:6

**Jesus didn't come to make bad people good but to make dead people live.**

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