

GALATIANS 5

1. Why do God and Paul call the Galatians foolish?

-Because the Galatians believed the teaching of the false teachers more than the truths of God.

2. What does it mean that the Galatians were bewitched by the false teachers?

-It means that they believed their emotions more than the truths of God.

3. What must the crucifixion of Christ teach us?

-That Christ alone can save us.

-That there is nothing that we can do to save ourselves.

-That Christ's work to save us is finished, and there is nothing we can add to it.

4. Are belief in Christ and receiving the Holy Spirit one?

-Yes, and we should never separate them.

-Yes, and they cannot be separated.

5. Does salvation from God need to be completed by people?

-No.

-Salvation from God is complete, and does not need to be finished by people.

6. What did Abraham do to receive the righteousness of God?

-He simply believed in God.

-He simply believed in all that God told him.

7. Did Abraham have to do anything himself to receive the righteousness of God?

-No.

-No Christian must do anything to receive the righteousness of God.

-It is completely a gift from God Himself.

8. What is the only difference between the faith of Abraham and others in the Old Testament and our faith?

-The Savior had not yet come, so Abraham and others did not know the name of the Savior.

-For us, the Savior has come, and we know His name—the Lord Jesus Christ.

9. Why are all people cursed for not obeying all of the laws of God?

-Because God is extremely holy and to remain extremely holy, He must punish all sin with death.

10. In this world, who are those who are truly righteous?

-Those who know that they can never be righteous on their own, and therefore, ask God to be their righteousness.

11. Why did God give the laws of Moses to Israel?

-To teach Israel and all people that we have no righteousness of our own.

Let's read Galatians 3:15

15-Brothers and sisters, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case.

-When an agreement is made between two people, sometimes people try to change it or stop it.

-When God makes an agreement, however, it is not possible to change it or stop it.

-During the time of Abraham, God made an agreement with Himself.

-What was this agreement?

-The agreement was that God would save Abraham because Abraham believed in God.

-It is important to understand that Abraham did not make this agreement with God.

-It was God alone who made this agreement for Abraham, and it is an agreement that God will never change or stop.

Let's read Galatians 3:16

16-The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ.

-In this verse, we learn that this agreement was God's promise not only to Abraham, but to all people who will believe in God.

-When did God promise to save all who would believe in Him?

-Even though God gave the promise to Abraham, God's promise began even before the time of Abraham and even before the time of Adam and Eve.

-It is the Lord Jesus alone who is the seed or descendant of Abraham who is able to save us.

-There is no other seed or descendant or law or anything else who is able to save us.

Let's read Galatians 3:17

17-What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise.

-God's promise and agreement with Abraham was hundreds of years before He gave the laws to Moses and to Israel.

-Because God can never break any of His promises, this means that God's promise to Abraham and to all who believe in God was not changed or stopped with the laws of Moses.

Let's read Galatians 3:18

18-For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise.

-In Galatians 3:18, what does the Word of God call the promise that God gave to Abraham and to all Christians?

-An inheritance.

-Is it possible to work for an inheritance?

-No.

-No one can work for and earn an inheritance.

-The one who gives the inheritance is the one who has done all of the work.

-An inheritance is simply a free gift.

-Some people may receive money or property as an inheritance.

-What is the best inheritance that anyone could receive?

-Eternal life with God Himself.

-If we receive eternal life simply by believing in Christ, then what is the purpose of the laws of Moses?

Let's read Galatians 3:19-20

19-Why, then, was the law given at all? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was given through angels and entrusted to a mediator.

20-A mediator, however, implies more than one party; but God is one.

-Why were the laws of Moses given to Israel and to all people?

-To teach us that our God is extremely holy, that we have sinned against our holy God, and that only God can save us.

-Without the laws of Moses, people may not understand that our God is extremely holy.

-Without the laws of Moses, people may not understand that we have sinned against our holy God.

-Without the laws of Moses, people may not understand that there is nothing that we can do to be saved, and that only God can save us.

-Even with the laws of Moses, some people do not believe that our God is extremely holy.

-Even with the laws of Moses, some people do not believe that they have sinned against our holy God.

-Even with the laws of Moses, some people do not believe that there is nothing that they can do to be saved.

-In all of the world's religions except for true Christianity, people are trying to show God that God must accept them because of what they are doing.

-The laws of Moses, however, given to us by Moses and the angels, teach us that there is nothing that we can do to force God to accept us.

Let's read Galatians 3:21-22

21-Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law.

22-But Scripture has locked up everything under the control of sin, so that what was promised, being

given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.

-Are the laws of Moses against the promises of God?
-No.

-They only help us to cry out to God to be saved so that we can be a part of His promise to save us.

-In conclusion, what are the differences between God's agreement with Abraham and God's agreement with Moses?

-With Abraham, God made an agreement with Himself.

-With Israel, God made an agreement with Israel.

-With Abraham, Abraham was required to do nothing except believe.

-With Israel, Israel was required to obey all of the laws.

-With Abraham, he believed that God alone was his righteousness.

-With Israel, they believed that they were righteous because they obeyed most of the laws.

-What is the foundation of true faith?

-Not what we can do for God, but what God has already done for us.