

GALATIANS 6

1. 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.

2. 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.

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

-An inheritance.

4. Is it possible to work for an inheritance?

-No.

-An inheritance is simply a free gift.

5. What is the best inheritance that anyone could receive?

-Eternal life with God Himself.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. What is the foundation of true faith?

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

Let's read Galatians 3:23

23-Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed.

-How is trying to obey all of the laws of God like being in prison?

-Because you cannot obey all of the laws of God, you must go to prison.

-When you disobey even one law, you must go to prison.

-Once you are in prison, you can never come out because you can never obey all of the laws of God perfectly.

-It is not only Israel who are in prison because they cannot obey all of God's laws perfectly.

-All people are in prison because no one can obey all of

God's laws perfectly.

-We think that we can escape from prison by ourselves, but we cannot.

-We keep trying to escape from prison, but continue to fail.

-This is because no one is perfect.

-Only God can save us from prison because only God is perfect.

Let's read Galatians 3:24

24-So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith.

-What does it mean that the law of God was our guardian?

-It means that the law of God teaches us that our God is so holy that there is nothing that we can do by ourselves to get out of prison.

-We try to obey all of the laws of God and we continue to fail.

-And the laws of God continue to teach us that only God is perfect, and that only God can save us.

-Israel had the laws of Moses, yet many believed that they could worship idols and God together.

-Israel had the laws of Moses, yet many believed that they could obey most of the laws so that God must accept them.

-Although the Gentiles do not have the laws of Moses, what do they have as their laws?

-Inner laws that God has written on their hearts.

-God has given all people inner laws in their hearts which are like the laws of Moses.

-What are the inner laws which are written on everyone's heart?

-Knowing that there is God.

-Knowing the difference between right and wrong.

-Knowing that doing right is good.

-Knowing that doing wrong is not good.

-All people are born with these inner laws in their hearts.

-It is these inner laws which teach us to call on God to save us from wrong.

-Only God can save us from wrong or sin.

Let's read Galatians 3:25

25-Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

-When we believe in Christ, we no longer need the laws of God which keep us in prison.

-When we believe in Christ, we understand that Christ has freed us from prison.

Let's read Galatians 3:26-27

26-So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,

27-for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

-It is our faith in Christ Jesus which frees us from prison.

-It is our faith in Christ Jesus which brings us into the family of God.

-It is our faith in Christ Jesus which gives us the very clothes of God which are His righteousness.

-What would be a simple definition of a Christian?

-One who is clothed with Christ.

Let's read Galatians 3:28

28-There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

-People like to look for ways to hurt other people.

-People like to look for ways to show themselves more important than other people.

-In the family of God, however, we are all one.

-Jews are not more important than Gentiles nor are Gentiles more important than Jews.

-The free are not more important than slaves nor are slaves more important than the free.

-Men are not more important than women nor are women more important than men.

-What happens when we try to show ourselves more important than others?

-We hurt our own family, the family of God.

-Before God, all Christians are of the same importance.

Let's read Galatians 3:29

29-If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

-While we learned in Galatians 3:16 that Christ is the only seed of Abraham that saves us, we now learn that we who belong to Christ are also Abraham's seed.

-Was Abraham saved because he obeyed the laws of Moses?

-No.

-Abraham lived many years before God gave to Israel the laws of Moses.

-It was only faith in God and the promise that God gave to Abraham that saved him.

-Is the faith that saved Abraham the same faith that saves us?

-Yes.

-Is the promise that God gave to Abraham the same promise that God gives to us?

-Yes.

Let's read Galatians 4:1-3

1-What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate.

2-The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father.

3-So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world.

-Before we believed in Christ, we were like slaves for our disobedience of the laws of God kept us as slaves.

Let's read Galatians 4:4

4-But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

-God did not send his angels to earth to save us.

-God loves us so much that He Himself came to earth to save us.

-God came to earth as a human so that He could live with us and walk alongside of us.

-God came to earth as a human so that He could also die for us.

-The Lord Jesus was the only human who completely obeyed the laws of God and the laws of Moses.

-The Lord Jesus was the only human who was perfect and did not sin.

-Christ did this so that He could save us from death.

-It is impossible for Christ to sin.

-It is also impossible for Christ to die for us if He would have sinned.

-Because our God is extremely holy, He only accepts a perfect, sinless sacrifice for the sins of others.

-Without Christ's perfect, sinless sacrifice, we would all go to the Lake of Eternal Fire.

-This is the love of our God for all people.

-He sent His Son to die for us in order to save us.

Let's read Galatians 4:5

5-to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

-Not only did God save all who believe in Christ, but He also adopted us into His family.

-For the true Christian, we become sons and daughters of the God who created the earth and the sky.

-For the true Christian, the God who created the earth and the sky becomes our Father.

-This is a gift from God that we can never earn.

-This is a gift from God that we can only receive.

Let's read Galatians 4:6

6-Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

-The Word of God teaches us that when we believe in Christ, God the Holy Spirit moves into our hearts.

-Some people say that we must do something to receive the Holy Spirit, but this is not true.

-God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are one.

-We cannot believe in Christ alone as our Savior, and not have God the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

-If we believe in Christ alone as our Savior, God the Holy Spirit is with us, is in us, and is very much a part of our lives.

-It is God the Holy Spirit in us who calls out, "Abba, Father."

-What does "Abba, Father" mean?

-“Abba, Father” is from the Aramaic language, and is that which little children called their father.

-Just like little children can call their father, we can call our Father in heaven.

-Just like a father loves his little children, our Father in heaven loves all of His children who believe in Christ.

-What does it mean that we cry out “Abba, Father”?

-It means that we can call God at any time, and God will hear us because He is our Father.

-Before He was crucified, when the Lord Jesus was in great sadness in the Garden of Gethsemene, He also cried out to the Father:

- “Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will” (Mark 14:36).

-When we are in much trouble, we can cry out to God, and He will hear us.

-When we need help, we can cry out to God, and He will hear us.

Let's read Galatians 4:7

7-So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

-In their fathers' house, sons and daughters are never slaves.

-God has freed us from the slavery of sin, death, and Satan, and made us His sons and daughters.

-In Luke 15, Jesus told the parable of the lost son.

-The son said to his father, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”

-But the father refused to make his son his slave, and received him back as his true son.

-First, we are set free from slavery.

-Then, we are declared sons and daughters of God and adopted into His family.

Finally, as sons and daughters, we are made heirs of God, our Father.

-What do we inherit?

-God and all of His riches.