

GALATIANS

You Are Free!



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Questions Answered



- Who wrote it? Paul
- Who was it written to? Galatian believers
- Where was it written from? Syrian Antioch
- When was it written? A.D. 49
- Why was it written? Counteract the Judaizers teaching sanctification by works

3 Phases of Salvation



- **Justification:** freedom from sin's penalty
- **Sanctification:** freedom from sin's power
- **Glorification:** freedom from sin's presence

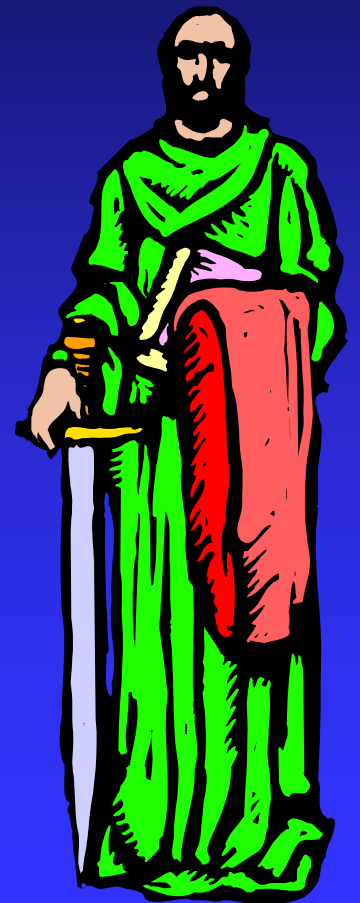
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- What is inside? Autobiography, doctrine, application
- What is it about? Sanctification attained the same way as justification
- How does the book apply to daily life? How to be holy

Introduction (Gal 1:1-10)

- Greeting (Gal 1:1-2)
- Gospel (Gal 1:3-5)
- Denunciation (Gal 1:6-10)



Why Was It Written? Occasion

- Ad hominem attack against Paul

- ◆ Acts 1:21-22

- ◆ Apostleship (1 Cor 15:8-9)



Paul Defends His Apostleship (Gal 1:11—2:21)

- Independence (Gal 1:11-24)
- Interdependence (Gal 2:1-10)
- Rebuke of a lead apostle (Gal 2:11-21)



What is Inside? Structure

- 1–2: Autobiographical section
- 3–4: Doctrinal section
- 5–6: Practical section



Gal 3-4 Overview

- 3: Doctrine explained
- 4: Doctrine illustrated



Gal 3:1-5 Outline

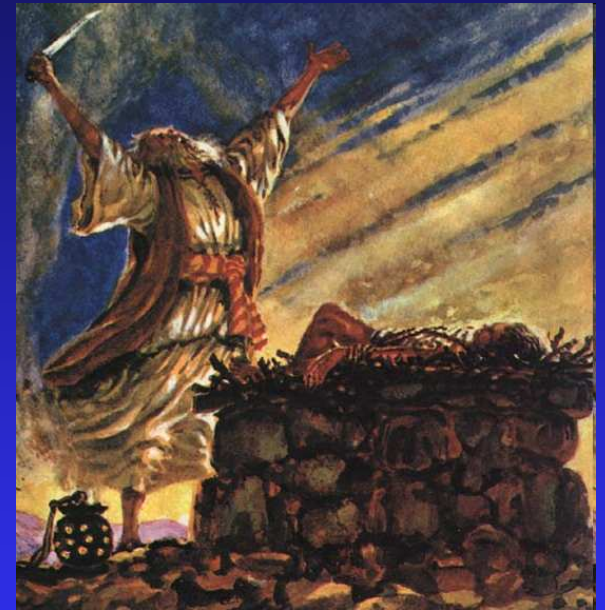


- I. The charge (3:1)

- II. The questions (3:2-5)
 - ◆ A. How did you receive the Spirit? (2)
 - ◆ B. Are you now being perfected by the flesh? (3)
 - ◆ C. Have you suffered so much in vain? (4)
 - ◆ D. On what basis does God work miracles among you? (5)

Gal 3:6-9 Outline

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- II. The progeny of Abraham (3:7)
- III. The purpose of Abraham (3:8)
- IV. The promise of Abraham (3:9)



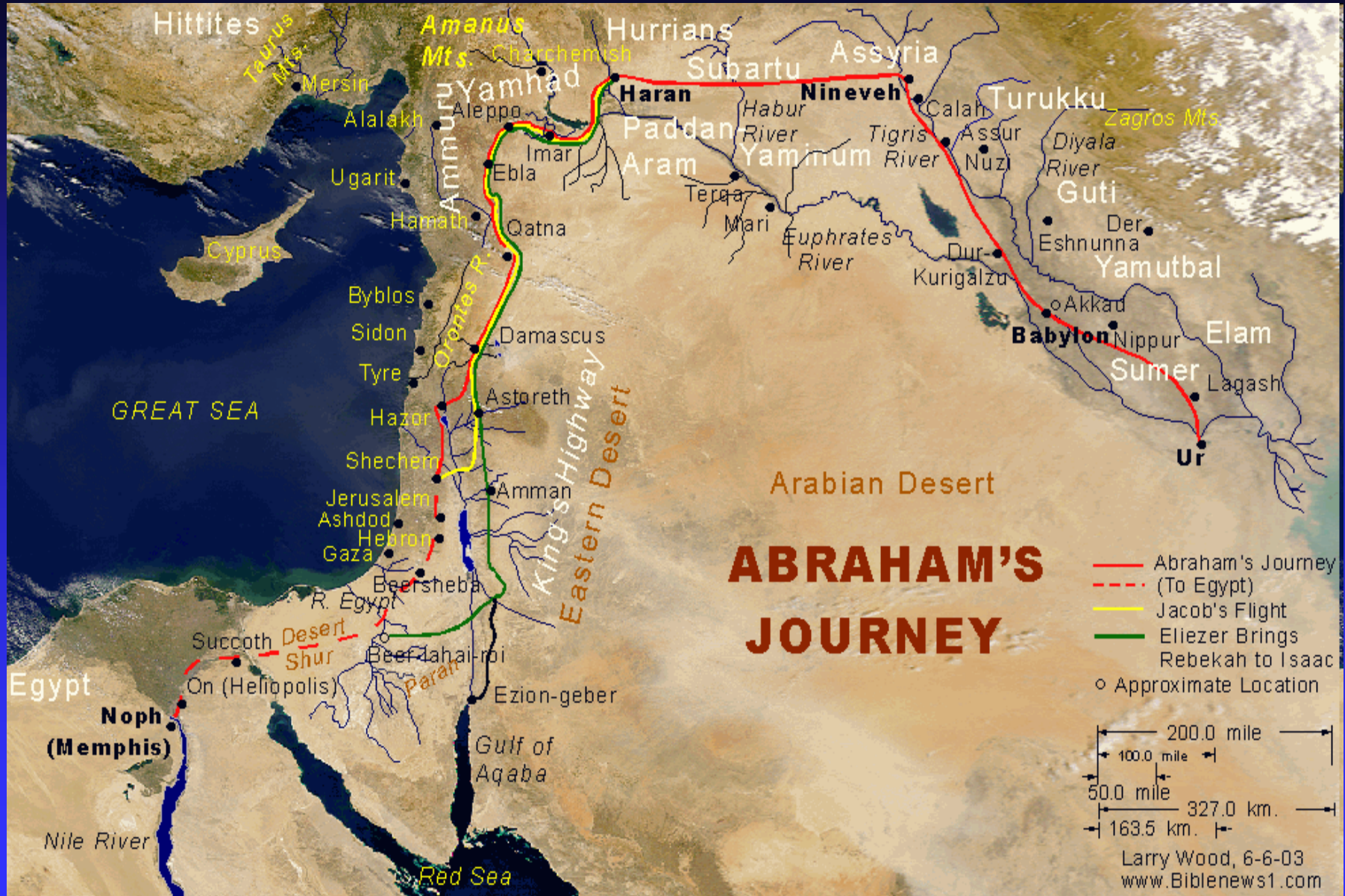
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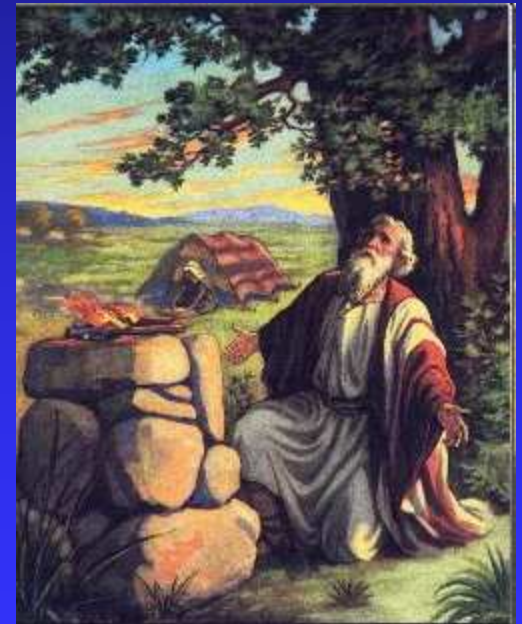
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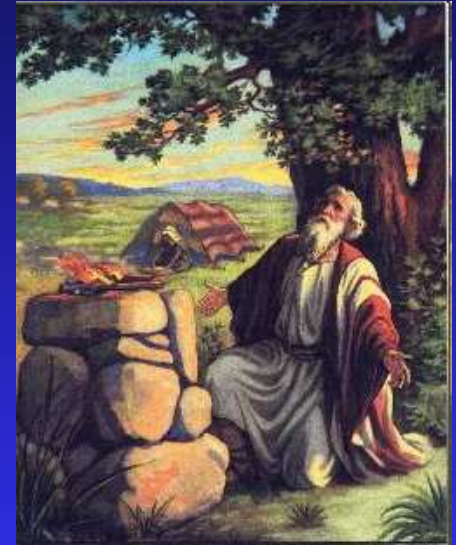
The Progeny of Abraham (3:7)

- We become the sons of Abraham
- We become the spiritual children of Abraham
- No replacement theology!
 - ◆ Anarthous
 - ◆ Jews = sons of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

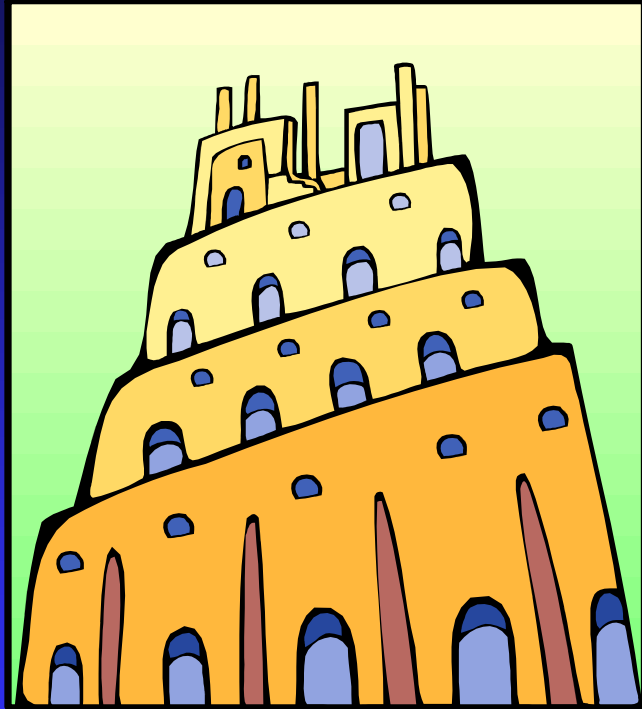


Purpose of Abraham (Gal 3:8)

- God's calling of Abraham (Gen 12:1-3)
- Tower of Babel (Gen 11:1-9)
- Abrahamic promises (Gen 12:1-3)
- Coming messiah (Gen 12:3b; John 4:22; Rom 9:5)
- Anticipation of Gentile inclusion by faith alone



Genesis 11:6



The Lord said, “Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them.”

Spread of the Mother-Child Cult

	Mother	Child
Assyria	Ishtar	Tammuz
Phoenicia	Astarte	Baal
Egypt	Isis	Osirus/Horus
Greece	Aphrodite	Eros
Rome	Venus	Cupid
Roman Catholicism	Mary	Jesus

Alexander Hislop, *Two Babylons*

Abrahamic Promises (Gen 12:2-3)

- Great nation (Gen 12:2a)
- Personal blessing (Gen 12:2b)
- Great name (Gen 12:2c)
- Protection against Anti-Semitism (Gen 12:3a)
- Vehicle of blessing to the world (Gen 12:3b)



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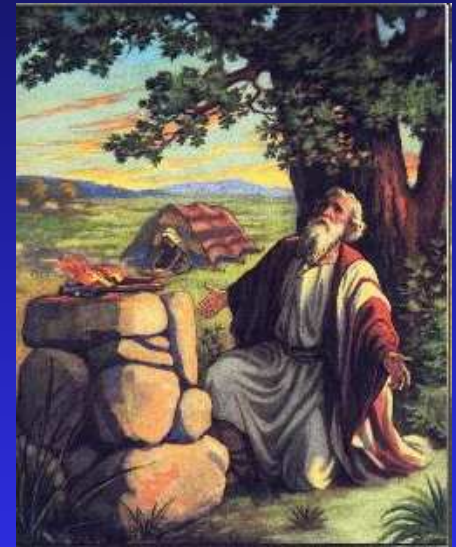
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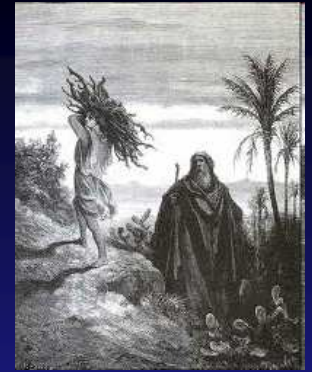
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Promise of Abraham (Gal 3:9)



- Abraham was blessed by faith alone (Gen 12:1-3)
- We are also blessed by faith alone (Gen 11:1-9)
- Paul's Gospel is consistent with God's initial work with the Jews (Israel)
- Follow this trajectory of faith alone as you pursue sanctification

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