

# 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

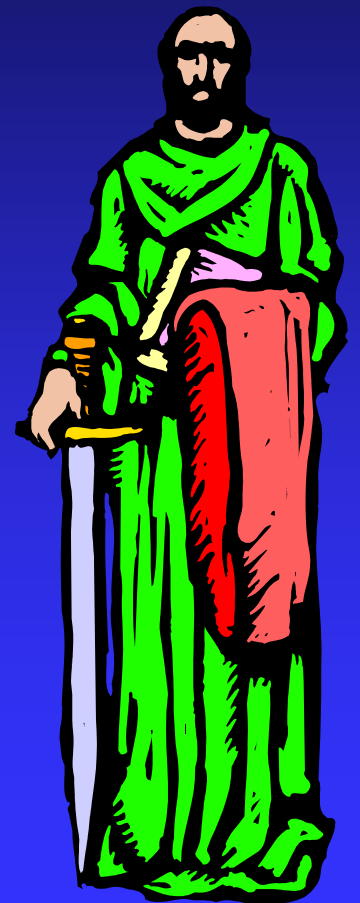
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- What is inside? Autobiography, doctrine, application
- What is it about? Sanctification attained the same way as justification
- How does the book apply to daily life? How to be holy

# 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



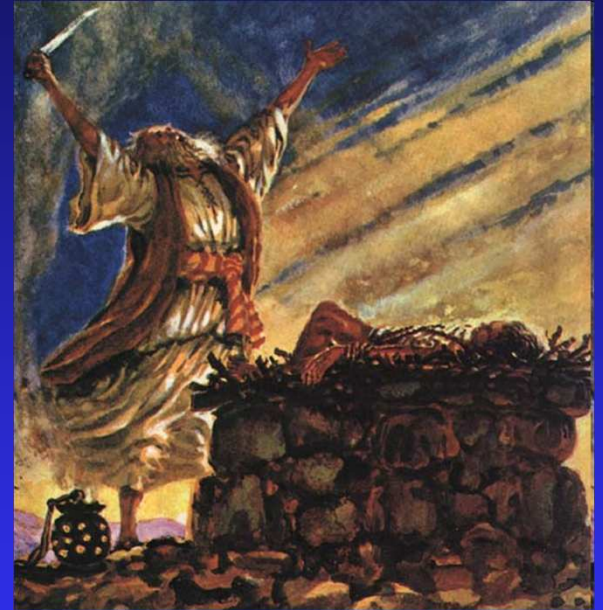
# Gal 3:1-5 Outline



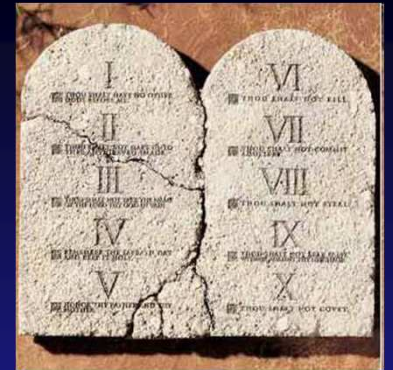
- I. The charge (3:1)
  
- II. The questions (3:2-5)
  - ◆ A. How did you receive the Spirit? (2)
  - ◆ B. Are you now being perfected by the flesh? (3)
  - ◆ C. Have you suffered so much in vain? (4)
  - ◆ D. On what basis does God work miracles among you? (5)

# Gal 3:6-9 Outline

- I. The pattern of Abraham (3:6)
- II. The progeny of Abraham (3:7)
- III. The purpose of Abraham (3:8)
- IV. The promise of Abraham (3:9)



# Gal 3:10-25 Outline



- I. The Law's inability to justify (3:10-12)
- II. Christ redeemed us from the Law's curse (3:13-14)
- III. The Law does not nullify faith (3:15-18)
- IV. The purpose of the Law is to lead us to Christ (3:19-25)

# Paul's Greco-Roman Illustrations (3:24-25)

■ Law: the tutor or *paidagōgos*



■ Faith in Christ: *toga virilis* ceremony

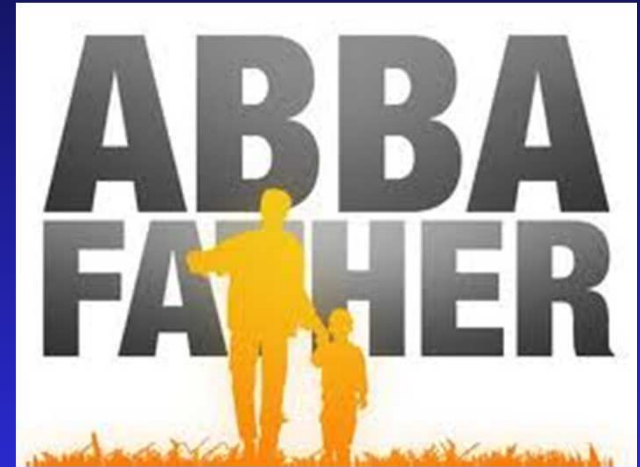
# The Privileges of Adulthood (3:26-29)

- 26-Sons of God
- 27-Baptism into Christ
- 28-One with other Christians
- 29-Children of Abraham



# Sons of God (Gal 3:26)

- Heir
- John 1:12; Rom 8:14-17
- Only through faith in Christ (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim 2:5)



# Baptism Into Christ (Gal 3:27)

- Baptism (3:27a) = identification  
(Rom 6:3-5)
  
- Clothed with Christ (3:27b)



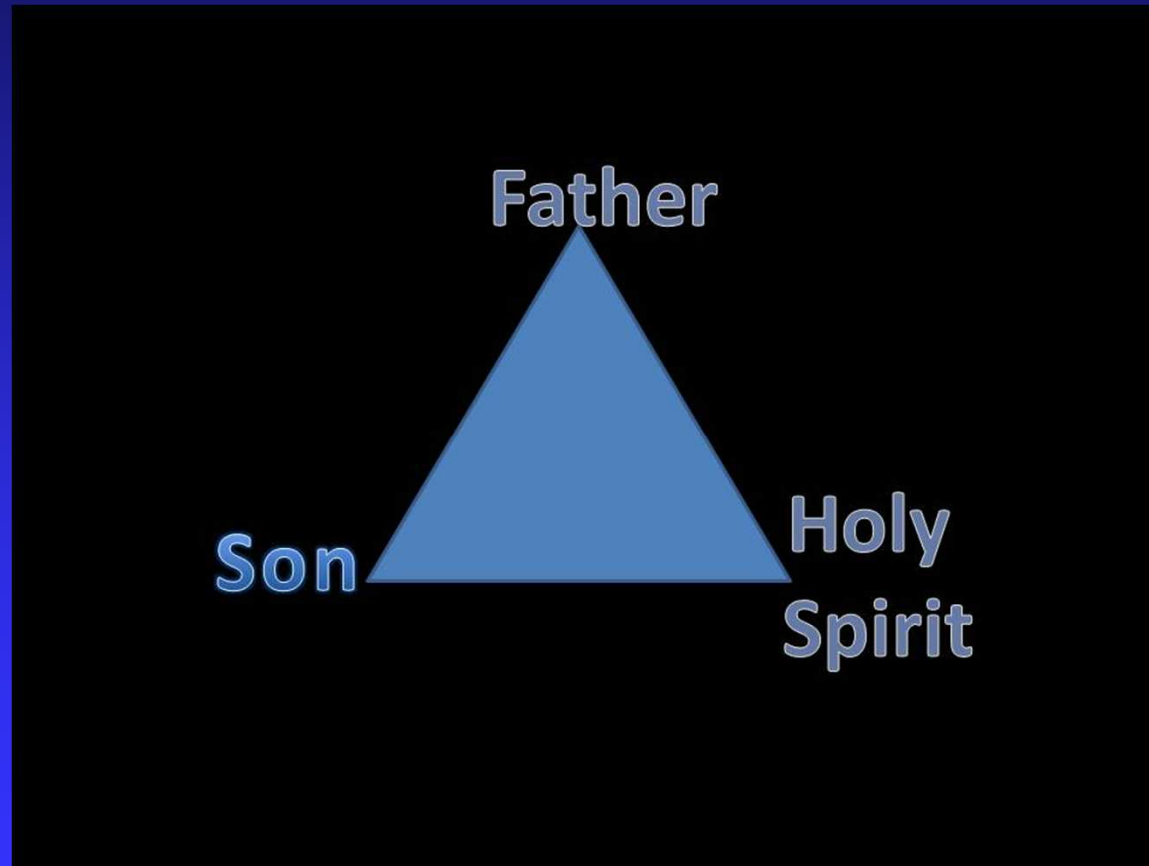


# One With All Believers (Gal 3:28)



- No distinctions on the basis of race/nationality, socio-economic status or gender
- One in essence and not role

# Trinity



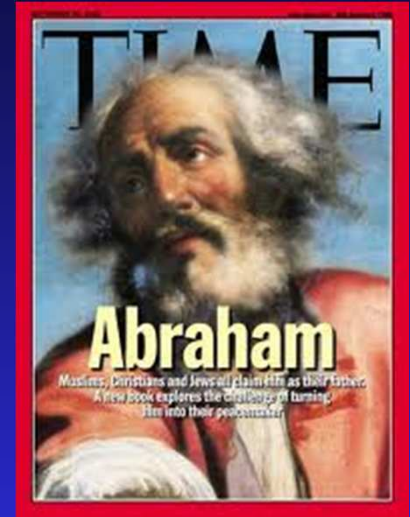
# Evangelical Feminism

A theological movement within the evangelical church that seeks to abolish all gender role distinctions within marriage and the church

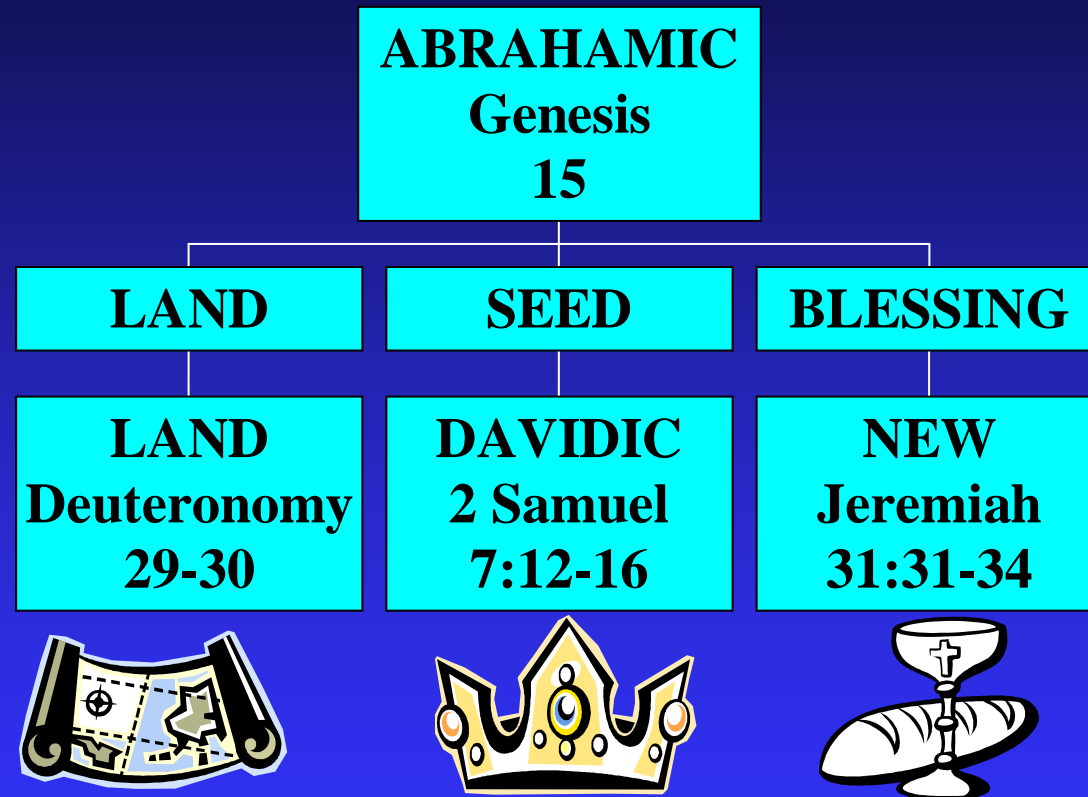


# Children of Abraham (Gal 3:29)

- Spiritual seed (John 8:44)
- We are justified in the same way Abraham was (Gen 15:16; Rom 4:17-25)
- Not teaching replacement theology



# Abrahamic Covenant



*Unconditional* covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)

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