

“By Means of a Promise!”
Galatians 3:15-29



“You foolish Galatians!”
Galatians 3:1



“Having a lack of good sense, judgment, or discretion.”

Unusual Ancient Medical Techniques

- Bloodletting
- Trepanation
- Animal Dung Ointments
- Wandering Womb
- Hemiglossotomy
- Corpse Medicine
- Mercury





Are you so foolish?

*Gospel was clearly presented to you...
 You received the Spirit before any works...
 Scriptural record shows God's blessing on the response of faith; curse on failure to fulfill the whole Law...*



Now...



Consider Abraham!
Genesis 15 & 17



Genesis 15:1

“After these things, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, ‘Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great.’”
 (NAS)

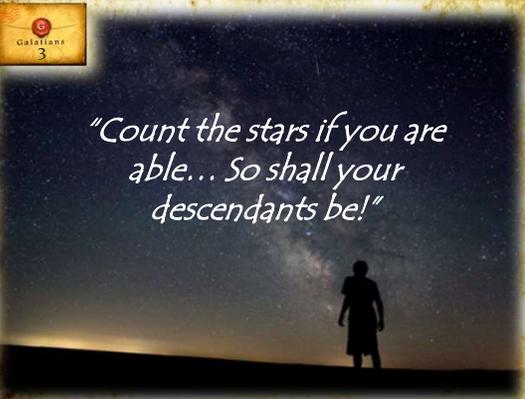
*“... your exceeding great reward.” (KJV)
 “... your very great reward.” (NIV)*



Galatians 3

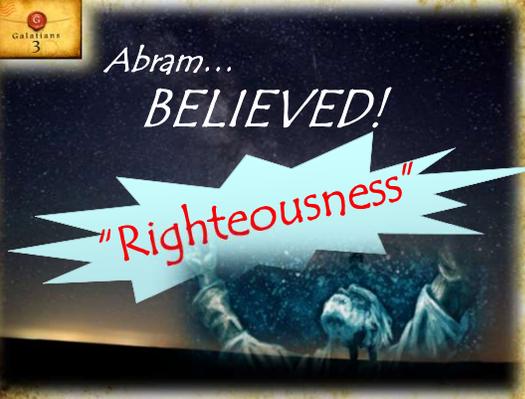
*“Oh Lord,
what would
Thou give
seeing I am
childless?”*

Genesis 15:2-3



Galatians 3

*“Count the stars if you are
able... So shall your
descendants be!”*



Galatians 3

Abram...

BELIEVED!

“Righteousness”



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*“Oh Lord, how can
I know?”*

Covenant!



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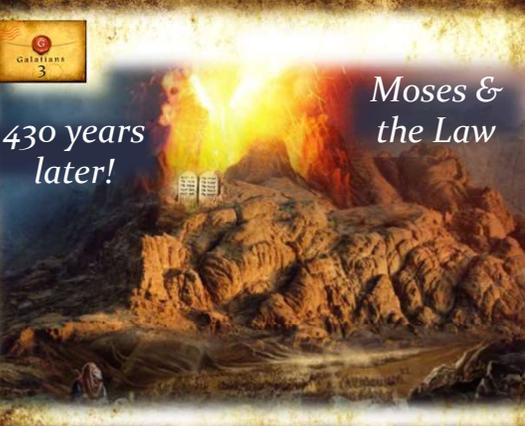
Unique calling!

Unique blessing!

Unique people!

Unique land!

Unique covenant!



Galatians 3

*430 years
later!*

*Moses &
the Law*

Yet...
The same God!
 Why 2 approaches?
 Who is the "offspring?"
 What's the Law's purpose?

Galatians 3:19
 "Why, then, was the law given at all?
 It was **added** because of
 transgressions... (NIV)
 "It was **given alongside**
 the promise to
 show people their **sins.**" (NLT)



Romans 3:20
 "...no one is justified through the
 works of the Law..
 Through it comes the knowledge
 of sin."

"Sin"
 Our propensity to **seek...**
 ...to **serve**
Self!
 ...to resist God's sovereignty!

Israel -
 A unique calling...
Show forth God's glory!
Bring forth Messiah!



The Promise...



VS

Law



 **Abraham -** *Note to Self!*
From - God!

Established freely by God alone!

Rooted in His unchanging character & perpetual Word!
Hebrews 6:18 - 2 unchangeable things!

Coupled only to a faith response!

 **Abraham -**

As a legally-executed document!

E.g. - a will through which an inheritance is passed.

 **Abraham...**

In response to the promise already given...

God invited him into a covenant by which he could "know!"



 **The Law...**

Revealed - 

God's heart & character!

What "sin" is!
 (Rejecting God's sovereignty)

Our weakness!
Our need!

 **Abraham -**

"I will!"

Unilateral!
No requirements!

Believe & receive!

 **The Law -**

"Thou shalt!"

Man's duty!
Works!

Obey!

 **The Law -**

**A
tutor!**



Not righteousness!

 **Abraham -**

Jesus -
**The recipient of the
promise!**

**All those "in Jesus" are
partakers!**

 **Don't be
foolish!**

Don't try to earn ...
What you cannot!
What is already freely given!

 **Don't be
foolish!**

**All who come to God by
faith in Jesus -**
ONE!
The true heirs of Abraham!

 **The debt for
that failure has already
been paid!**

