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Galatians 1:1-3:14 – **The Gospel As It Should Be** (REVIEW)

1. **Paul's Greeting** (vv. 1 – 5)

2. **Paul's Warning** (vv. 6 – 10) → <https://wp1.NLFJI.org/357>

3. **Paul's History validating His Call to Spread** (vv. 11 – 24)
the Gospel among the Gentiles (<https://wp1.NLFJI.org/358>)

Timeline of Salvation (Acts 9) until **Acts 15 Council Decision** regarding Gentiles coming to faith in Christ and **NOT** needing to follow the Israeli Mosaic Law in order to be **saved** and to “**keep their salvation**”, etc. (<https://wp1.NLFJI.org/359>)

4. Gal. 2:1-10 → after 14 years → **The Church Council of Acts 15:**

→ **Same Gospel, Shared Gospel** → for Jews and Gentiles

Peter (Cephas) – James (the elder) and John all of them confirmed that that Gospel that Paul was preaching was the same as what they were preaching.

Also, confirmed that Gentiles did not need to become Jews in order to be saved in Christ, nor to keep their salvation by following the Law of Moses.

→ Last week : (<https://wp1.NLFJI.org/360>)

5. **Galatians 3:1-14** - Christ Redeemed us from the **CURSE** of the Law

Saved by and Growing in GRACE (<https://wp1.NLFJI.org/361> - or <https://NLFJI.org/GAL>)

******* → This Week → Let's stand and Read → **Galatians 3:1-29** *******

Galatians

Justification by Faith

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?

² This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Chapter 3

³ Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

⁴ Have you suffered so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?

⁵ Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?—

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The Abrahamic Covenant of God – that which applied to his genetic descendants and to his "spiritual" descendants (i.e. Gentiles who come to faith in Christ) – was never annulled or done away with when the Mosaic Law – the National Law of God through Moses – came. It was still and it still in effect. It is the basis of the New Covenant

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2. **Why did God give the Mosaic Law to Israel, the nation? (vv 19-25)**

What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, TILL the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. ²⁰ Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one. (i.e.: God became the Guarantor of both sides of the Covenant)

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So, the LAW was ADDED – not to the Abrahamic Covenant, but as a Separate, NATIONAL Covenant – and it was a CONDITIONAL Covenant.

The Abrahamic Covenant was an UnConditional Covenant.

All a person had to do was Trust in the Living and True God, just like Abraham Did, and that person's faith is Reckoned as Righteousness and that of Believing Abraham.

But the Mosaic Covenant, the LAW of Moses, was ADDED to Handle Sin. And it would have an EXPIRATION DATE on it → When the Messiah Would Come and pay for all of our SINS ... The Promised SEED of Abraham.

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Thus, the Promise given to Abraham was that which Gives LIFE. Notice how “imputed” Righteousness based upon Faith in God is related to “LIFE” Given by the Promise. When Christ’s Righteousness is Imputed or Reckoned to the Believer – it is like LIFE from the Dead. The LAW – Preserved/Protected Israel – for the New Covenant.

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UNDER the LAW – NO LONGER UNDER a TUTOR. It is simple
language → we are NOW in Grace and NO longer need to follow or
obey the Mosaic Law for any reason. New Covenant “Law”, now.**

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Hebrews 7:12 - **For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law.**

Jesus Christ is our New High Priest of the Faith – according to the Order of Melchizedek (Gen. 14; Psalm 110; Hebrews 5-10) – therefore, there is NEW LAW ... “New Covenant Law” – “Law of Christ”

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Hebrews 8:13 - In that God says, "A New Covenant," He has made the first OBSOLETE. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away. → In just plain language, it is very easy to understand, isn't it? (But, you'd be amazed how folks twist things) → The Law of Moses is to "vanish" away after the New Covenant

3. What Promise are we Heirs to? (vv 26-29)

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The Promise given to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3 – in that Abraham and his descendants would be a blessing to all the families (or nations) of the earth ... included Salvation → blessings to both Jew and Gentile. The Promised SEED – the Messiah – who would be the Savior of the World – would be the Ultimate Blessing of God through Abraham and his descendants. In fact, He would be one of Abraham's descendants, the very Promised Seed, since Genesis 3:15 – the one who would crush the Serpent's head.

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John 1:12-13 - But as many as RECEIVED Jesus, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who BELIEVE in His Name: ¹³ who were BORN, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (i.e. Born Again, Born of God, of the Spirit)

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Romans 8:14-16 - For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are SONS of God. ¹⁵ For you did NOT receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God ... → no matter your gender (male or female), no matter your ethnic / genetic background – if you are in Christ – you are a part of Abraham's family – seed, descendants. We are in the tents with Isaac and Jacob. Unity in Christ.

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If the Galatian churches and their members wanted to be identified as “descendants” of Abraham, as grafted in – they did NOT need to pursue “obeying” the Law of Moses, and become Jews, etc. If a person is IN CHRIST – Born Again, in Christ, that person is already identified with Abraham, grafted into Abraham Seed ... heirs according to the Unconditional Promise – realized, fully in Christ and His Finished Word of Redemption. All sins forgiven, Righteousness Given – Given New LIFE in the New Covenant in Messiah.

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Christ Jesus (Messiah Yeshua – for those stuck in Hebrew Roots Movement Legalism) – in His own words, said that He came to fulfill the Law of Moses – not to abolish it. But, that has been twisted to mean something entirely different than what was intended. Jesus fulfilled the LAW of Moses **for us – because we could not. We know according the Hebrews 8:13 – the OT Law has been Replaced with the New Covenant. Thus, the OT Law is fading away and vanishing since it is Obsolete. (not abolished, vanishing).**

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In Christ Jesus – we are in the NEW COVENANT – not the OLD Covenant. The Old Covenant, the Law of God through Moses to the Nation of Israel – is NO longer in force. We are NOT UNDER the LAW but UNDER Grace in Christ (in Messiah). We do not need to Follow all the various Laws of Moses, anymore. It is Obsolete, vanishing, fading. The Law of Moses does not apply to New Covenant Disciples of Jesus Christ. The Law may have led us to Christ to be Saved, but is all it is good for, to show us that we are sinners in need of a Savior.