

## GALATIANS 3

### By Faith, or by Works of the Law?

3 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? <sup>z</sup>It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly <sup>a</sup>portrayed as crucified. 2 Let me ask you only this: <sup>b</sup>Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by <sup>c</sup>hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? <sup>d</sup>Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by <sup>1</sup>the flesh? 4 <sup>e</sup>Did you suffer <sup>2</sup>so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? 5 Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and <sup>f</sup>works miracles among you do so <sup>g</sup>by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— 6 just as <sup>h</sup>Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

7 Know then that it is <sup>i</sup>those of faith who are <sup>j</sup>the sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that <sup>k</sup>God would justify <sup>3</sup>the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, <sup>l</sup>“In you shall all the nations be blessed.” 9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

### The Righteous Shall Live by Faith

10 For all who rely on works of the law are <sup>m</sup>under a curse; for it is written, <sup>n</sup>“Cursed be everyone who does not <sup>o</sup>abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” 11 Now it is evident that <sup>p</sup>no one is justified before God by the law, for <sup>q</sup>“The righteous shall live by faith.”<sup>4</sup> 12 But the law is not of faith, rather <sup>r</sup>“The one who does them shall live by them.” 13 Christ <sup>s</sup>redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged <sup>u</sup>on a tree”— 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might <sup>v</sup>come to the Gentiles, so that <sup>w</sup>we might receive <sup>x</sup>the promised Spirit<sup>5</sup> through faith.

### The Law and the Promise

15 <sup>y</sup>To give a human example, brothers:<sup>6</sup> <sup>z</sup>even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. 16 Now <sup>a</sup>the promises were made <sup>b</sup>to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, <sup>c</sup>“And to your offspring,” who is Christ. 17 This is what I mean: the law, which came <sup>d</sup>430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as <sup>e</sup>to make the promise void. 18 For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but <sup>f</sup>God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

19 Why then the law? <sup>g</sup>It was added because of transgressions, <sup>h</sup>until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was <sup>i</sup>put in place through angels <sup>j</sup>by an intermediary. 20 Now <sup>k</sup>an intermediary implies more than one, but <sup>l</sup>God is one.

21 Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For <sup>m</sup>if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. 22 But the Scripture <sup>n</sup>imprisoned everything under sin, so that <sup>o</sup>the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given <sup>p</sup>to those who believe.

23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, <sup>q</sup>imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So then, <sup>r</sup>the law was our <sup>s</sup>guardian until Christ came, <sup>t</sup>in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus <sup>u</sup>you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as <sup>v</sup>were baptized <sup>w</sup>into Christ have <sup>x</sup>put on Christ. 28 <sup>y</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave<sup>7</sup> nor free, <sup>z</sup>there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And <sup>a</sup>if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, <sup>b</sup>heirs according to promise.

## **Sons and Heirs**