



GALATIANS

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

Paul's problem wasn't that the law can't be kept.

His problem was with that the law did not have the power to justify. The law could not make someone righteous before God.

Galatians 2:16 (NIV)

"know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified."

JUSTIFICATION

Its root meaning has to do with
“straight” or “right”.

**To be “justified” is
to be righteous.**

**For you and me today --- ALL OUR
BEST EFFORTS AT BEING GOOD BY
TRYING TO DO GOOD AND BE
GOOD IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH.**

WE NEED A SAVIOR.

WE NEED JESUS.

Galatians 3:1 NIV

"You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified."

Galatians 3:2 NIV

"Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?"

Galatians 3:2 NIV

"I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard?"

Galatians 2:21 NIV

"I do not set aside the grace of God,
for if righteousness could be
gained through the law,
Christ died for nothing!"

WHY FAITH MATTERS

Galatians 3:7-14

Faith matters because . . .

1. WE MUST BELIEVE GOD

Galatians 3:6 (NIV)

"Consider Abraham: "He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.""

Genesis 12:1 (NIV)

"The LORD had said to Abram,
"Leave your country, your people and
your father's household and go to the
land I will show you."

Genesis 12:2-3 (NIV)

"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Genesis 22:5 (NIV)

**"Stay here with the donkey while I
and the boy go over there.
We will worship and then we will
come back to you."**

Hebrews 11:19 NIV

"Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death."

Galatians 3:6 NIV

"Consider Abraham: "He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.""

John 11:25-26 NIV

"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?""

Faith matters because . . .

2. WE MUST BELIEVE THE GOSPEL

Galatians 3:8-9 (NIV)

"The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith."

Galatians 3:7 NIV

"Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham."

Faith matters because . . .

3. WE LIVE BY FAITH

Galatians 3:11 (NIV)

"Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, "The righteous will live by faith.""

Galatians 3:12-13 NIV

"The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, "The man who does these things will live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.""

Hebrews 10:19-23 NIV

"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God,"

Hebrews 10:19-23 NIV

“let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.”

Hebrews 4:16 NIV

**"Let us then approach the throne of
grace with confidence, so that we may
receive mercy and find grace to help us
in our time of need."**

Faith matters because . . .

4. WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT

Galatians 3:14 (NIV)

"He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit."

Luke 24:49 NLT

"And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven."

**The Spirit is your Life-
Giving Friend,
here to lead you home.**

**“That was three decades ago.
I no longer think of the
Holy Spirit as the ‘Holy Who’.
I now call Him our
Heaven-Sent-Helper.”**

-Max Lucado

God does not want a bunch of stressed-out, worn-out, done-in, and washed-up children representing Him in the world.

He wants us to be fresher day by day, hour by hour.

RAISED TO LIFE

"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

ROMANS 6:4