

"AN ILLUSTRATION OF JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH"

GALATIANS 3:6-9

I. THE GREATEST BLESSING THE PATRIARCH, ABRAHAM EVER RECEIVED WAS A RIGHTEOUS STANDING BEFORE GOD (3:6)

- A. This Key Aspect Of The Abrahamic Covenant Is Quoted Five Times In The New Testament
- B. The Key Circumstances Surrounding Paul's Quote Of Genesis 15:6 Should Be Well Understood
 - 1. Abraham Had Been Childless Well Into His Eighties Despite The Promise Of God
 - 2. Abraham Chose To Believe God Anyway
 - a. It Would Still Take 15 More Years Before The Seed Promise Would Commence
 - b. It Would Now Take An Extraordinary Miracle For It To Be Realized
 - 3. Abraham's Believing Response To The Promise Of God Is The First Such Recorded Response In The Scriptures
- C. Key Elaboration On The Genesis 15:6 Quote Is Given In Romans 4

II. THE GREATEST BLESSING ABRAHAM EVER RECEIVED FROM GOD ALSO DEALT A DEATH BLOW TO JEWISH EXCLUSIVISM (3:7-9)

- A. Abraham Has Descendants That Go Beyond The Physical Blood Line (3:7)
- B. Abraham Had Been The Recipient Of Incredible Preaching (3:8)
- C. Abraham's Blessing Is Available To Anyone (3:9)

**SIX ARGUMENTS FROM GALATIANS THREE & FOUR
DESIGNED TO UPHOLD THE FAITH PRINCIPLE IN
JUSTIFICATION AS OPPOSED TO ATTAINMENT BY THE
WORKS OF THE LAW**

I. THE PERSONAL ARGUMENT (GALATIANS 3:1-5)

The Apostle Asks The Galatians Five Questions From Their Own Initial Personal Experience With The True Gospel Of Christ.

II. THE OLD TESTAMENT ARGUMENT (GALATIANS 3:6-14)

Paul Quotes No Less Than Six Key O.T. Passages In This Section From Four Different O.T. Books [3:6,8,10,11,12,13 From Genesis (2) Leviticus (1) Deuteronomy (2) & Habbakuk (1)].

III. THE LOGICAL ARGUMENT (GALATIANS 3:15-29)

In This Section Paul Reasons With The Galatians On The Basis Of What A Covenant Is And How A Covenant Works.

IV. THE HISTORICAL ARGUMENT (GALATIANS 4:1-11)

Here, The Apostle Explains The Place Of The Law In The History Of Israel.

V. THE SENTIMENTAL ARGUMENT (GALATIANS 4:12-18)

At This Point, Paul's Love For His Converts Comes To The Surface. He Appeals To Them To Remember His Love And Their Happy Relationship At An Earlier Time.

VI. THE ALLEGORICAL ARGUMENT (GALATIANS 4:19-31)

Paul Returns To the Life Of Abraham, Only This Time As It Pertains To The Patriarchs Relationships To Sarah & Hagar.