

# THE EPISTLE *of* PAUL to THE GALATIANS

## CHAPTER 3:6-9

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“THE BELIEVER’S FOUNDATION” – PART 1**

THE THEME OF BOOK:

IS IN FACT A QUESTION:

HOW CAN WE (WHO ARE SINFUL BY NATURE) , COME TO GOD (WHO IS HOLY BY NATURE)  
WHEN MY SINS HAVE SEPARATED ME FROM GOD AND EVEN DOMINATE MY LIFE?

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Apologetics, Faith, Justification, Abraham**

**INTRODUCTION**

*to the text*

*Galatians 3:6-9*

### **The Summation Sentence**

The doctrine of scripture is the firm foundation for every believer. The word of God is our only true and solid platform by which we can grow in grace. That foundation is the work of God and so complete is that work, that any other human attempt or offering intended to assist God in salvation can only pollute.

Matthew 7:24-25

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

In Galatians 3:6-9

**Paul now Argues That:**

***Justification by Faith***

*Is Defendable from the Scripture*

## THE BELIEVER'S FOUNDATION

**1.) *Justification by faith – was established by God vv. 6-7***

**a.) *Justification by faith – was God's idea v.6***

just as Abraham "believed God,

**b.) *Justification by faith – it's at God's own expense v.6***

and it was **accounted** to him for righteousness."

\* Accounted grk 3049 logizomai (log-id'-zom-ahee);

to take an inventory, to conclude, to number, reason, reckon, to make a determination

*God did the math...*

"The Accounting of God does not make Abraham (the believer) himself personally righteous, The accounting of God changes Abraham's (the believers) status with God.

*Lenski*

Meaning that - God Views, See's, Look's At, All Those  
Who Trust in His Son Jesus Christ  
As though they had never sinned at all

He Does That - Based Upon One  
Thing -  
What Jesus Christ did for Us at  
His Cross

Hebrews 12:2

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

***It was at God's own expense!***

***c.) Justification by faith – is God's only way of salvation v.7***

**Therefore know that only those who are of faith  
are sons of Abraham.**

FOUND NOWHERE ELSE IN THE BIBLE;

*The Greek Expression here is Unusual; Faith is what now characterizes them as a people*

*Does faith characterize you as a person?*

**They are now people of Faith!**

**only** those who are of faith  
are **sons** of Abraham.

# **This Means That Abraham was Saved in the Exact Same Manner as You and I have Been Saved!**

## **THE BELIEVER'S FOUNDATION**

### **2.) *Justification by faith was revealed by the Word vv. 8***

And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."

### **a.) *Justification is founded upon God's Word v.8a***

And the Scripture(s),

The Bible -there is  
Nothing Like it

THE CHARACTER OF THE SCRIPTURES

The pure argument is scripture itself  
It was and is exactly what the bible had said from the beginning

### **The Earliest Promise**

Genesis 3:14-15

So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her **Seed**; he (The Seed) shall bruise (crush) your head, and you shall bruise (scratch) His heel."

\* Seed Heb 2233 zera` (zeh'-rah);  
Posterity, Sperm, fruit, or Procreation

Hebrews 10:7

'Behold, I have come—and in the volume of the book it is written of Me...

## ***Justification by faith was revealed by the Word***

**b.) *Justification is anchored to eternity***

**v.8b**

**foreseeing** that God would justify the Gentiles by faith,  
preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand,

## **The Number One**

Most important prophetic Study That a Man or Woman can Undertake,  
Is a Study in the Doctrine of Salvation – *it is a prophecy study in salvation!*

## **“Foreseeing”**

this has always been God’s plan even before time began

## **God is “Foreseeing” / Advance Knowledge**

Romans 8:28-30

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Ephesians 1:9-11

having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth-- in Him. 11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

your salvation is, and was, an act of God  
based upon the Foreknowledge of God

Ephesians 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who **has blessed us** with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He **chose us** in Him **before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 **having predestined us** to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

1 Peter 1:1-2

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,  
2 elect according to the **foreknowledge** of God the Father...

2 Timothy 1:8-9

...and according to the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus **before time began**,

Titus 1:2

**OUR SALVATION IS** - in assurance of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised **before time began...**

***Justification by faith was revealed by the Word  
Justification is anchored to eternity!***

**Verse 8c**

that God would **justify the Gentiles by faith**,

**justify the Gentiles (heathen) by faith**

the godless peoples, the false worshippers, the goof ups, the hurting, the lost

Genesis 18:17-18

And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, 18 "since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?"

## God would **justify the Gentiles** (heathen) **by faith**

The First Jew that There Ever was - was First a  
Gentile before ever Becoming a Jew

### **Verse 8c**

God **preached the gospel** to Abraham beforehand,

----- A Flashback Fact -----

“The Gospel” is not a new Gospel.  
It is not a revised Gospel.  
It is not another Gospel...

“The Gospel” that was Preached by God to Abraham  
is the same Gospel that saves a man today...

*That God would provide a sacrifice for man's sinfulness by Himself*

How did God preach the gospel to  
Abraham?

# **By Acting it Out !!!**

Genesis 22:2-9

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. 3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering,

and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. 4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? 8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

## The Context of Galatians 3 Teaches Us...

Genesis 15:5-6

Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

6 And he believed in the LORD,  
**and He accounted it to him for righteousness.**

Hey Jack -

What About the Lil' guy lost in the Jungles of Africa  
who's never heard the Gospel?

Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

## THE BELIEVER'S FOUNDATION

**3.) *Justification by faith is secured by God* vv. 9**

**a.) *Justification brings about results in the believer* v.9**

So then those who are **of faith**

## who are of faith

Ephesians 2:8-10a

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship...

**You must exercise faith.**

You must respond to God by Faith to benefit from his salvation.

### But Jack – What Does that Look Like?

Even Though

The faith that you do have is a gift from God, it must be acted upon. Faith demands that the recipient of faith use it.

God Awakens Us Out of Sleep,

We Hear His Voice, Because He has Awakened Us, His Voice Say's Get Out of Bed – And we re-act, respond by getting up...

## Faith Requires Action

*(faith is a verb)*

**b.) Justification exalts the believer**

**v.9**

are blessed with believing Abraham.

**we are blessed**

*"It is not that they shall someday be blessed.  
It is not that they hope to get blessed. It is  
not that they might earn the right to be blessed.*

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*It is that in Christ Jesus we have been blessed,  
are currently being blessed, and forever in  
Christ Jesus shall be blessed."*

\* Blessed      Grk 2127 eulogeo (yoo-log-eh'-o);  
To be honored, to be lifted up and announced. To be spoken well of.

## **The Lord Delights in Blessing You**

### **The Believer**

Is exactly, to the same point of, in the same degree of and in the same manner  
- Blessed just as Abraham is Blessed  
No More / No Less

*...For God is Not a Respector of Persons*

## **The Lord Delights in Blessing**

Numbers 14:8

"If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land  
which flows with milk and honey.'

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and  
not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

# Thoughts more than the sands of the seashore

*Justification by faith is secured by God*

**c.) *Justification liberates the believer***

## Moses Brought Us

The Knowledge of the Law. The Requirements of Righteousness  
The Principal of a Sabbath – Longed for Rest

## Jesus Christ Brought Us

The Knowledge of Grace. The Reality of Righteousness  
The Actual Sabbath – a Real Rest

Hebrews 4:9-10

There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

Romans 4:11

And he received **the sign** of circumcision, **a seal** of the righteousness of the faith **which he had while still uncircumcised**, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them (you and me) also,

Romans 2:28-29

For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; 29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

# We must be Careful

To always preach the real gospel. The real gospel is not only the fact that Jesus was born of a virgin, raised as a carpenter, healed the sick, taught the people, was beaten, and died and was risen from the dead...

The Real, Saving Gospel is the Gospel of Crucifixion  
That Jesus was crucified for you and me!

1 Timothy 3:15-16

I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. 16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.

1 Corinthians 3:10-11

According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

## So then, what is the Gospel?

1 Corinthians 15:1-3

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-- unless you believed in vain 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

## What does the Gospel offer us?

Colossians 1:13-14

**FOR JESUS CHRIST** He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

# What does the Gospel require of me?

Romans 10:8-11

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

Mark 5:36

"...Do not be afraid; only believe."

Come Quickly Lord Jesus