



Galatians Lesson 3 Chapter 3

Paul spent most of chapters 1 and 2 establishing and defending his credentials as a legitimate messenger of the gospel of Jesus. In addition to this he made it clear that the gospel that he preached had been effective, tested and even peer-reviewed by the men of repute in Jerusalem. From that position of tested authority, Paul begins to apply the truth of that gospel to their present situation and pointedly wonders who put a spell on them?

The Galatian believers had experienced evident works of the Holy Spirit; they had seen miraculous things happen among them. How did this happen? Was this because they had kept the Law or had God done supernatural things in response to

their faith? Further, Paul shows that not even Abraham, the father of the Jewish nation of Law, was made right with God by anything other than simply believing God (faith).

Keeping the Law was never intended by God to save a person. In fact, the inevitable disobedience of the Law brought only a curse. The Law served its best purpose when it tutored us to Jesus, the One Who became that curse for us as He, not us, hung on that cursed tree, the cross.

As the one who paid so dearly to preach the true gospel to the Galatians (Acts 14) Paul gets a bit worked up as he corrects some lies and misunderstandings.

READ CHAPTER 3

1. *Paul uses the word “bewitched” (some translations “put a spell on”) in verse 1. Why is this such an appropriate word in this situation? Any gospel bewitchers out there today?*

2. *How had the Galatian believers experienced the Person and work of the Holy Spirit in some unmistakable ways? (see also Acts 14)*

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
