

EBC Women's Study

Lesson 14 Galatians 3:6-9

As you read through Galatians and begin this study, ask God to open your heart. As the Psalmist prayed: "Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law" (Psalm 119:18).

Assignment: In the next week prayerfully read through chapters 1-3. Attempt to answer the following discussion questions from the text only. Don't worry if you cannot find all the answers. We will discuss them next week.

1) *Review:* Read Galatians 3:1-5, How does what Paul shares in 3:2-5 relate to his question in vs. 1?

Grammatical Note: Verse 6 begins with the Greek conjunction "kathos" which is most often translated "Just as" or "as" as we see in the NKJ. Note, the NASB translates it "even so" here which can lead to its comparative meaning being obscured. However, the NASB does rightly notes for this verse "Lit., Just as".

2) Gal. 3:6 starts with "Even so..." (Lit. Just as). What is being introduced/compared? How do vs. 6-9 relate to what Paul has just shared in vs. 1-5? Is he continuing the subject? If so, briefly explain how this relates to what Paul has just shared (*think about:* "hearing with faith" in vs 2,5)?

3) How many times is Abraham mentioned in the whole book of Galatians? Look up these verses and note how he is described or what is he connected too.

4) Considering the context (i.e. the issue at hand with the Galatians) Why do you think Paul talks about Abraham so much, when these Galatians weren't even Jewish?

5) Let's look back where we see Abram (Abraham) first introduced to us in Genesis 11:27-12:5 what promise does God make to him in the end of Genesis 12:3?

6) Looking at Genesis 15:1-5, what did Abraham believe in Genesis 15:6 and how does that relate to the promise in Genesis 12:3?

7) From the following make observations what the Lord in response to Abraham's faith in Him and what He promised? See Genesis 15:6, Romans 4:1-4 & Galatians 3:6b

8) Looking the above verses and make observations related to belief/faith and righteousness.

9) There are 73 verses in the New Testament where Abraham is mentioned. Here are a few verses to make observations, especially concerning Who the promised blessing ultimately comes through.

- a) Read Matthew 1:1-2 How is Abraham introduced in the NT? Who is related to him?
- b) Read Matthew 1:17-23 Had the blessing come?
- c) Acts 3:12-4:4 (note ref. to Abraham and especially vs 25)
- d) Galatians 3:8-9, 14
- e) Who does this promised blessing come through?

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- 10) What does Paul want us to "Therefore be sure" of in Gal. 4:7 and how does this relate to verse 6? (i.e. why thus does Paul start with a "Therefore" in vs 7)
- 11) From the following explain who are the sons of Abraham in this context? How does this differ from the physical sons of Abraham (i.e. Jews)?
- a) Romans 4:11-16
 - b) Galatians 3:5-8
- 12) Are you a son of Abraham in this manner? Explain
- 13) Read Galatians 3:1-9 again. How is verse 7 related to what Paul has just shared in verse 6 and what he previously shared in verses 2-5. Now read 7-9, how are they all related to Paul's argument?
- 14) What phrase does Paul start verse 8 with? Why is Paul's mention of this so important?
- 15) Looking at Gal 3:8 what did The Scripture foresee? Who preached the Gospel to Abraham (8a)? What was preached or promised (8b) to Abraham and how is that the gospel? See the following Genesis 12:3, 22:18, 26:4, 28:14, Acts 3:13-26 (esp. 25), Galatians 3:8-9,14
- 16) What does the term justify mean and how is one justified (vs 8)?
- 17) What is Paul's conclusion in vs 9 and how does it relate to his argument in 1-8? How is it one receives salvation blessing as Abraham did?
- 18) Have you been blessed with Abraham the believer? Have you trusted in God's Son Jesus Christ and thus received His amazing blessing of righteousness through faith in Him alone? If so, how now are you being sanctified? Are you by faith in Him alone or have you been bewitched?