

EBC Women's Study

Lesson 16 Galatians 3:15-22

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

Assignment: Prayerfully read through Galatians focusing on chapter 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 during our study time.

- 1) **Review:** Thinking of our previous lessons and verses especially Gal 3:8-14, through Whom was God's past blessing promise "All the nations will be blessed in you" to Abraham fulfilled?

- 2) **Review:** Looking at Gal. 3:13-14, what did Christ do for us? And how did He do this and why?

- 3) **Review:** Looking at Gal 3:14b, how do we receive the promise? How does this relate to what Paul has previously shared especially in Gal. 2:20b, 3:2-5, 6-9, 11.

- 4) Verse 14b is the first mention of the "promise". Quickly note each time the word promise and/or promises are mentioned in Galatians 3 and 4.

- 5) In vs 15 Paul uses a human example of a covenant that once it is ratified, it is neither changed nor added to. With this in mind, briefly explain Gal. 3:15-16 helps explain vs 17-18.

- 6) Look at vs 16, who was the promise spoken to? (Hint, it is more than one person).

- 7) Looking at vs 17, what came 430 years after Abraham received the promise? Did that nullify the promise given to Abraham and his Seed (that is Christ)?

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- 8) How does what Paul writes in 18 explain what he said in 17? What is the "inheritance" spoken of in context? Is our salvation based on Law or on a promise?

- 9) Starting in vs 19-20, what does Paul ask and what is his answer? How does this fit into his argument?

- 10) Looking at vs 21, Paul asks another question, what is his question and what is his answer? (vs 21).

- 11) In contrast to vs 21, what does the Scripture do and what is its purpose (22)? (Note the phrase "those who believe")

- 12) From 22b, how is the promise (salvation blessing) received? How does this fit into his argument?

- 13) What is Paul's point concerning the law vs the promise and how does it relate to the issue at hand?

- 14) Have you received the promise blessing that comes through the Seed of Abraham? If so, how did this happen?