## **GALATIANS 3:6-9 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

CHILDREN OF FAITH BY ABRAHAM - (SERMON MP3)

1.) The Jews had come to believe that they obtained a right relationship with God through observing the law handed down by Moses. But in Galatians 3:6-ff, Paul dismantles this belief and shows that Abraham, the father of the Jews, had a relationship with God through faith. This relationship was secured through the death of Christ.



- Think about how this truth might have sounded to Jews. How would it make you feel to discover that everything you had worked for was now available for free?
- What are some of the realistic obstacles a Jew would have had to wrestle with in order to accept that salvation and sanctification were based on faith not works?
- 2.) Read Galatians 3:6-9. According to that passage, how did Abraham become right with God? In other words, what evidence resulted in God's verdict declaring Abraham righteous?



- How was this a model for the Galatians people who were non-Jewish, living 1500 years after Abraham?
- **\*\*** How did this undermine the Judaizers' argument?
- What difference does it make when you base your relationship with God upon how well you keep a list of rules, rather than living in light of the truth that God accepts you through faith?
- **3.) To the Judaizers who were misleading the Galatian Christians, Abraham was a hero and patriarch.** How does Paul turn the tables and use Abraham as an example of faith instead of law keeping?



- According to this passage, who qualifies as sons of Abraham? And who qualifies to receive the spiritual blessings of Abraham?
- What do we have in common with Abraham?
- **4.) Examine your motives this past week.** Why was it that you did (or didn't do) certain things? Were you trying to earn or retain God's approval, or were you living in light of the fact that you have been freely accepted by grace through faith?



5.) Paul quotes Genesis 15:6 in Galatians 3:6. Take a few minutes and read Genesis 15:1-21 to understand the context.



What does Abraham (called Abram here) believe God will do, despite the fact that he is nearly 100 years old (v. 4-6)?

**	There is a covenant ritual performed in Genesis 15. Animals are chosen, cut in half and then in the form of a flaming the animals sealing the binding agreement (v. 17)? Who does not pass through (v. 12)	
**	What is God showing about who will keep this covenant? Why is that good news for imperfect Abraham?	
# How does the context of Genesis 15 help prove Paul's point in Galatians 3 that justification is by faith and not works?2		
6.) What commonly accepted rules have some people tried to make part of the gospel? How is this similar to what the Judaizers were doing among the Galatian believers?		
7.) Faith cannot be equated with a work that renders one righteous before God. Instead, faith justifies because it unites one with Christ who is the righteousness of believers. Faith is fundamentally receptive and depends on Christ.		
*	Why is it important to say that faith is not our righteousness? If it were, what would we be inclined to do (Hint – Ep?	oh. 2:9; Rom. 4:1-5)
**	What do the following verses contribute to the conclusion that faith is not a work (1Cor. 12:9; Rom. 3:27-28; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8-9)?	
**	We know from everyday life that faith honors the one who is trusted. If you trust your mechanic, you honor his integrity. If your coach calls a play and you make a scene in front of the crowd so that it is evident that you think the coach's play call is ridiculous, you dishonor your coach. If your doctor diagnoses you with a disease and prescribes medicine, you call into question the doctor's competence if you fail to follow his advice. Faith honors God because it considers him to be trustworthy.3 Have you ever considered that your faith in God is an act of honor and worship? What are some practical ways you could express faith in God and thereby honor him?	
	DIG DEEPER QUESTIONS	
	s additional reading of Romans 4 you'll find the best commentary on Galatians 3. Take some time B Romans 4:1-25 and answer the questions below.	PRAYER REQUESTS
**	According to this passage, what is the connection between circumcision (or any other religious ritual) and salvation?	
**	Read Romans 2:28-29. What is "circumcision of the heart?"	
*	The Law is a map leading to Jesus, a muzzle restraining sin, and a mirror exposing our depravity. It has no power to save. Look up the following verses and identify what they contribute to an understanding of the law (Gal. 3:24; Rom. 2:15; Rom. 7:7)?	
importa	a few minutes and do a key word study to expand your use of tools and familiarize yourself with nt points in the text under consideration. Use <a href="https://www.blueletterbible.org">www.blueletterbible.org</a> or some other bible study tool up and define each of the following terms.	
**	Gal. 3:6 "believed" -	
**	Gal. 3:6 "counted" -	
**	Gal. 3:7 "faith" -	
**	Gal. 3:8 "gospel" -	
**	Gal. 3:9 "blessed" -	
spiritual :	leeper and think about the fact that salvation is appropriated by faith. It is personal, internal, and faith that has nothing to do with ceremonies, rituals, observances, good works, or externals of any sort. es that settle with many of the religions of the world today?	
**	The saints of the Old Testament were saved by(Gen. 15:6)	
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*	What are you depending on to save you – works you do, or Jesus work done for you?	