

## Galatians 3:5-29

**For in Christ, You Are All Sons of God!**

**Do you believe in Jesus?**

**Will you be in God's kingdom in heaven?**

**Do you think you have to do something to earn salvation, or do you trust that believing in Jesus as your Lord saves you?**

**Do you trust in the promises of God? Salvation for all who believe.**

Something amazing happened when the New Covenant of Jesus was given by God.

**A Christian is saved, not by what they do, but what they believe. We must believe that Jesus was perfect, he died on a cross for our sins, and that He was raised again.**

**Jesus did the work to save us. We must believe in Him and it will be credited to us as righteousness.**

**Paul is making the point to the Galatians that you are not saved by the law, works, nationality, or circumcision. We are saved by BELIEVEING in Jesus!**

**Vs 5-9** God gives us the Spirit because we believe in Christ as our Savior.

God saves us because we *trust* in Christ as our Savior.

God gives us the example of Abraham whose belief and trust in God was counted to him as righteousness.

***Genesis 12:12-9 The Call of Abraham and the Abrahamic Covenant***

*Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." 4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. 9 And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.*

**Genesis 17:17-27** *When Abram was **ninety-nine years old** the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, 2 that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” 3 Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, 4 “Behold, my covenant is with you, and **you shall be the father of a multitude of nations.** 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but **your name shall be Abraham**, for I have made you the **father of a multitude of nations.** 6 I will make you **exceedingly fruitful**, and I will **make you into nations**, and **kings shall come from you.** 7 And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. 8 And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, **all the land of Canaan**, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.” 9 And God said to Abraham, “As for you, **you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations.** 10 **This is my covenant, which you shall keep**, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a **sign of the covenant between me and you.** 12 **He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring,** 13 both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. 14 **Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”***

*15 And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16 **I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her.** I will bless her, and **she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.**” 17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, “**Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?**” 18 And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might live before you!” 19 God said, “No, but **Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him.** 20 As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and **I will make him into a great nation.** 21 **But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year.”***

*22 When he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham. 23 Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all those born in his house or bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and **he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very day, as God had said to him.** 24 Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 25 And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 26 That very day Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised. 27 And all the men of his house, those born in the house and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.*

**Christians are not saved because of circumcision. God gave Abraham a covenant. The covenant said that Abraham needed to go to a new place; he was going to be blessed; he was going to have a child; he would have a great name. Through Abraham's line there was going to be a King, many descendants, and a great nation. JESUS WAS FROM THIS**

**LINE. JESUS IS THE PROMISED MESSIAH. IT IS THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS THAT WE ARE MADE RIGHTEOUS. We are in this line. Many nations putting faith in Jesus. Heaven will be a very large kingdom. It is not because of circumcision. It is because of faith.**

**Romans 4:3** *For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.*

**Galatians 3:6** *Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?*

**James 2:23** *and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.*

**Vs 10-14** **If you trust in your own works to get to heaven, God's word says that you are cursed!**

**Your actions will show you are sinful. Your actions will show you need punishment.**

**Jesus' death on a cross paid for your sins. Do you trust in the promise of God that Jesus is our Savior?**

**The righteous shall live by faith!**

**By faith, the Christian is given salvation and the Spirit of God!**

Circumcision gives you nothing.

**Vs 15-22 GOD GAVE JESUS TO ABRAHAM AND US AS A PROMISE. WE ARE SAVED BY FAITH IN HIM.**

**Vs 23-29** **Before Christ, the law showed you that you were guilty.**

**After Christ, you are saved by grace through faith.**

**Now that Jesus has come, we are not held captive by the law (sacrifice or circumcision).**

**In Christ, we are all sons and daughters of God! We are adopted, not because of race or rules, but because of faith in Jesus.**

**We all share one citizenship!**

**Ephesians 2:13** *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and*

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*members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*

**Philippians 3: 18** *For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. 20 **But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.***

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