

Galatians 3:9-14 Abraham our Father

1. Counted righteous • Galatians 3:6-7

- a. *Imputed* righteousness. (Imputed, counted, accounted).
- b. Christ's righteousness is yours upon belief of the gospel.
 - i. The mystery: how God could count anyone righteous and be just. (Rom 3:19-22)
 - ii. The answer is Christ's crosswork. (Gen 15:6, Rom 3:25-26)
 - iii. Christ's work exclusively for salvation is the message of Paul. (1 Cor 15:1-4)
- c. Faith and works? Or faith in Christ's work? Insert Romans chapter 4. (Rom 4:5, 24-25)
 - i. A difference: "By works was faith made perfect." This faith includes works. (Jm 2:20-24)
 - ii. Paul's point is found in Genesis 15:6. James' point is found in Genesis 22:10-11.
 - iii. The difference? Faith in what? What has God asked of you?
- d. Father Abraham? Not Israel, but those who believe God. (Rom 4:9-15)
 - i. Abraham is the father not only of a nation, but of those who follow after faith. (Gal 3:7,9, Rom 4:12-14)
 - ii. Abraham → Isaac → Jacob - The fathers of Israel, then the twelve tribes. (Gen 32:28, 35:22, 49:28)
 - iii. Bloodline was required to be Israel, but only those of faith were Israel. (Rom 9:6, 31-33)
 - iv. The law was added because of transgressions, the strength of sin is the law. (Gal 3:19, 1 Cor 15:56)

2. The gospel before • Galatians 3:8-9

- a. Abraham received many instructions from the Lord that changed in his lifetime. We do not have that happening today. (Gen 12:1-4 → Gen 15:6 → Gen 17:10-11 → Gen 22:2, 10-11)
- b. *Justified*: declared righteous.
- c. The gospel to Abraham? It wasn't the gospel of the grace of God. It was that through his seed all nations would be blessed. (Gen 12:1-4)
 - i. Prophecy spoke of blessings to Gentiles (all nations) through Israel's rise. (Is 2:2-3)
 - ii. The mystery speaks of blessings to Gentiles through Israel's fall. (Rom 11:9, Eph 2:14-16, 3:6)
 - iii. The heathen can be justified through faith. (Gal 3:8)
- d. "Blessed with faithful Abraham." What's the blessing? Justification, imputed righteousness. (Rom 4:5, 8-10)

3. The father of us all • Galatians 3:10-14

- a. Righteousness cannot be by the law. It comes by faith. (Gal 2:21)
- b. The father of us all shows us that justification is by faith.
- c. This is possible because of what Christ did on Calvary's cross. (Gal 3:13)
- d. It wasn't written for his sake alone... (Rom 4:24-25, Rom 5:1, 5:17-18)