

# 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?<sup>1</sup>



**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)?*

