

Ministry of The Holy Spirit
Heirs of The Promise
Galatians 3:21 – 4:7

Last time...the relationship between the Law of God and the Promise of God

- The nature of the Promise: Life (the Spirit of God of Life) thru faith...v11, v14
- The Promise to Abraham and **to** his Seed/Christ was before the Law
 - Gen 12:3 and Gen 26:4
 - v16-17a
- The Law in no way affects the Promise
- The Law was added because of sin until The Seed/Christ would come...v19a
- The Seed/Christ must be God, the
 - Mediator between the offended God and the offender mankind
 - Reconciler between the Living God and man-dead-in-his-sin

This time...the heirs of the Promise (of eternal Life)

Galatians 3

v21-22 the law then against the promises of God:

Does the Law of God oppose/contradict the promises of God?
God forbid – an absolute denial

The promise of God is Life...the Eternal Spirit of Life thru faith
The Law of God revealed sin, the wages of which is death
Therefore the Law cannot be the vessel of Life, is not Life-giving
The glory of the promise of God is seen by the curse of the Law of God!

Besides, if eternal life came by the Law, if the Law was able to make alive that
which is dead, then righteousness/justification would come by man's
performance in keeping the Law

But/However the Law does not make spiritually alive forever the spiritually dead

Only the Spirit of God...
The Promise...
makes the spiritually dead to be spiritually alive...
thru faith

The Law has

- concluded
- enclosed on all sides (like the walls of a city)
- imprisoned

all under sin

- separated from God by sin
- subjected all to the wages of sin
- declared all of mankind to be guilty offenders and prisoners

that the promise...of Life, the Eternal Spirit of God

1. by the faith **of** Jesus Christ

- the only able and qualified Mediator/Reconciler

Job 14:4 Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an
unclean? not one.

Rom 3:10, 23

- The Seed to Whom the promise of the Father was given
- by His work of faith
 - from before the foundation of the world
 - Heb 12:2

2. might be given to them that believe

Rom 6:23

John 6:29

Gal 2:20

Jesus is the vessel of Life, thru faith

v23-24 before faith...kept under the law, shut up...schoolmaster:

But...moreover, not only that but...

before faith came...before the faith of Christ, The Seed and The Mediator came

we were kept under the law...mankind (not just the Jews)

- kept under guard by the law, declared guilty and condemned
- shut together with, enclosed on all sides, by the Law until the faith of the Seed of the Woman, Who would come to set the prisoners free

Therefore the purpose of the Law was to be our schoolmaster...

- “child conductor”/tutor
 - the servant of the father to lead his children to
 - school to receive instruction in righteousness
 - Christ, The Seed/the Mediator and His righteousness/faith
- (Gen 15:6, Heb 11:6)

that we might be justified/declared innocent by faith

v11

Rom 3:22

God’s Great Declaration to mankind

the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe

v25 after that faith is come...no longer under:
But...moreover, not only that but also

after that faith is come...after that faith (the faith of Christ) appeared –
Jesus' work of faith

- in the Garden of Gethsemane
- on the Cross ("It is finished" and gave up the ghost/Spirit)

we are no longer under a schoolmaster...the "child conductor"/the Law did its job
and we are no longer subject to, no longer under the authority of the Law

Instead, we are "freed" from the schoolmaster

Rom 7:1-4

with Gal 2:20

Rom 8:1-4

the Spirit of life in Christ...the Promise

v26-27 all the children of God...put on Christ:
For...because

ye...the backslidden churches/brethren in Galatia and all believers in Jesus Christ

are all the children of God...John 1:12-13, John 3:5

by faith in Christ Jesus...by the faith of Christ (His work of faith) with faith in
Christ (our work of faith), NOT by subjection to the schoolmaster

Reconciliation and right relationship requires 2 willing volunteers

1. Jesus (faith of)
2. Whosoever will (faith in)

For...because

as many of you as have been baptized into Christ...spiritual and water baptism

Matt 28:19-20

Acts 2:38 Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of
you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,
and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost

Eph 1:13-14

have put on Christ...exchanged the filthy rags of sin and self-righteousness
(Is 64:6, the old man) for the spotless white linen of the righteousness of
Jesus Christ (Gen 15:6, 1 Cor 1:30, the new man)

death exchanged for Life, darkness exchanged for Light

v28-29 all one in Christ...if ye be Christ's...Abraham's seed and heirs:
neither/nor...there is only one demographic before God – children of God in
Christ, there are no flesh-level divisions

ye are all one in Christ Jesus, The Seed to Whom the Promise was given...

one Body

John 17:20-23

Eph 2:14-16

the wall of separation imposed by the Law

If...by a work of faith (John 6:28-29)...you be Christ's, Abraham's Seed
(Gen 12:3 and Gen 26:4)

Then are you also

- Abraham's seed...
 - v9, in "Abraham's family"
 - v16, singular and specific Person, therefore "in Christ"
- heirs
 - of the inheritance
 - Life...the Spirit of Eternal Life
 - with Abraham and his Seed
 - according to the promise (v18)
 - John 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men
 - 1 John 2:25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, eternal life
 - 1 John 4:9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him
 - 1 John 5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God

Acts 2:32-33 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.
Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having
received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed
forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Luke 24:49 "The promise of the Father"

Galatians 4

v1-2 heir...child...until the time appointed:

The heir of the father

- lord of all
- a child, no different regarding the inheritance than the servant
- under training by tutors and governors (overseers, managers, stewards) until the time appointed by the father

ex. father: Abraham

heir/child: Isaac, the son of promise

governor/steward: Eliezer, “God my Help”, who when sent by the father gathered a bride for the heir when Isaac was 40 years old

Gen 15:2-4 until Gen 25:5, when Isaac was ~75 years old
(the appointed time of “Now it is all yours.”)

v3-5 in bondage under the elements...fulness of the time...God sent forth His Son:

In like manner then, we...the children and heirs...were under the training of governors and tutors

- kept/guarded under the Law (Ch 3:23)...safe boundaries
- external observances of the righteous Law

When the appointed time of the Father had come, aka the fulness of time, (~4000 years after Gen 3 when the Scriptures would be fulfilled)

- common language (Gen 11:1-ish due to Alex the Great)
- Pax Romana (under threat of Rome’s iron fist)
- Roman roads (upon which trod feet bearing Good News)
- Capital punishment belonged to Rome, not the Jews (Gen 49)
- execution of criminals by crucifixion (Ps 22)

the Father sent His Son

- to Whom He gave The Promise (Gal 3:15-17a, 19b) of Life
- made of a woman
 - Seed of the Woman to bruise the serpent’s head (Gen 3:15)
 - the Mediator (Gal 3:20) that could only be God becoming a man (Is 7:14, Is 9:6)
- made under the Law...
 - Kinsman-Redeemer of Adam’s race thru the Jews (AIJD)
 - to fulfill the righteousness of the Law (Matt 5:17)

to redeem/rescue/purchase whosoever

- that was
 - condemned by Adam’s sin nature
 - declared guilty lawbreakers by the Law of God

- might
 - believe (Gal 3:11, 13-14)
 - receive the blessing of Abraham...Spirit, Life, made new
 - be adopted into God's family...become God's children

v6 because ye are sons:
ye...again, Paul is writing to believers, backslidden perhaps, but not unbelievers

are sons...born-again of the Spirit of God by faith in Jesus Christ

God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son...Eph 1:13-14, Luke 11:9-13,
the Spirit of Life, the Promise to the Seed

Abba, Father...a term of endearment speaking of comfort and ease in His
presence
removed is approaching God on a legal basis and guilty lawbreaker
before the Judge
put in its place is approaching God on a loving basis, a reconciled right
relationship

Notice the revelation of the mystery of the Living God

- Father
- Spirit
- Son

v7 Servant...son...heir:

Now we are no longer servants (of sin)

Rom 6:1-16

but sons/children (reconciled, in right relationship with the Father)

And since we are children, we are heirs of God the Father thru God the Son

John 14:6

2 Cor 8:9

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that,
though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that
ye through his poverty might be rich

Rom 8:9-17

Before the foundation of the world, The Promise of the Father
(Spirit of Life) was given to The Seed, His Son and Heir...
Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ believed/trusted His Father...the faith of Christ (Heb 12:2)

We have been given a measure of the faith of Christ (Rom 12:3)

We have "returned it" (Matt 16:24), our work of faith in Christ

By grace we are made to be sons and joint heirs with Christ!

Application/Lessons

The grace of God
The Gospel of Grace

It is so very important we all understand God's message/offer to fallen mankind!

All the religions of the world preach works of man in order to please god
(however that word is defined, but in the end it is the devil)

Even Christians, believers in Jesus Christ, are in bondage to theologies of man that teach
works of man (the performance of man) is tied to salvation AND staying saved

They are just like these churches of Galatia that are going back to the
Law/schoolmaster and frustrating the grace of God

They are children of God but do not understand how they are able to stand before
the Father!

Col 1:9-10 to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his
will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye
might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being
fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the
knowledge of God

The very words of God...the Gospel of Grace, the Promise of the Spirit thru faith...
set men free from every devilish form of performance-based salvation

Salvation is by grace (the Father's) thru faith (The Son's), both are gifts of God

We are not and cannot be saved by our performance...

Job 14:4 Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? not one.

Rom 3:10

Is 64:6

Matt 19:25-26 our "work" is to believe...a work of faith

And if we cannot save ourselves by our performance, we cannot keep ourselves saved by
our performance either

Jude 24-25 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to
present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with
exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, *be* glory
and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever

1 Thes 5:23-24

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it*.

Think about what Jesus taught on the SoM (arguably His most important teaching):

Matt 6:33 **seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness;**

Mankind is told by The Christ to

1. Seek the kingdom of God
2. Seek God's righteousness – faith

Rom 3:22 the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus

Christ

unto all and upon all them that believe

Eph 2:8-9

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast.

1 Cor 1:27-31

But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, *yea*, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him (by God) are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Gal 3:6

Gal 2:16

Gal 3:11

Gal 3:16-17a

Gal 3:22

Grace – understand it, grow in it (2 Peter 3:18)

And share it!

The only way Revival is possible in this wicked and perverse nation is by the Truth of the Gospel

If you have been comforted, encouraged, instructed in righteousness and it is in your heart to be an ambassador for this Good News, please come for prayer to receive by faith the power of God to do so

If you want hands laid on you in prayer, come forward

