

Study Guide on Galatians 3:1-14

Good News Bible

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Galatians 3:1-14

(Galatians 3:1) You foolish Galatians! Who put a spell on you? Before your very eyes you had a clear description of the death of Jesus Christ on the cross!

(Galatians 3:2) Tell me this one thing: did you receive God's Spirit by doing what the Law requires or by hearing the gospel and believing it?

(Galatians 3:3) How can you be so foolish! You began by God's Spirit; do you now want to finish by your own power?

(Galatians 3:4) Did all your experience mean nothing at all? Surely it meant something!

(Galatians 3:5) Does God give you the Spirit and work miracles among you because you do what the Law requires or because you hear the gospel and believe it?

(Galatians 3:6) Consider the experience of Abraham; as the scripture says, "He believed God, and because of his faith God accepted him as righteous."

(Galatians 3:7) You should realize, then, that the real descendants of Abraham are the people who have faith.

(Galatians 3:8) The scripture predicted that God would put the Gentiles right with himself through faith. And so the scripture announced the Good News to Abraham: "Through you God will bless all people."

(Galatians 3:9) Abraham believed and was blessed; so all who believe are blessed as he was.

(Galatians 3:10) Those who depend on obeying the Law live under a curse. For the scripture says, "Whoever does not always obey everything that is written in the book of the Law is under God's curse!"

(Galatians 3:11) Now, it is clear that no one is put right with God by means of the Law, because the scripture says, "Only the person who is put right with God through faith shall live."

(Galatians 3:12) But the Law has nothing to do with faith. Instead, as the scripture says, “Whoever *does* everything the Law requires will live.”

(Galatians 3:13) But by becoming a curse for us Christ has redeemed us from the curse that the Law brings; for the scripture says, “Anyone who is hanged on a tree is under God’s curse.”

(Galatians 3:14) Christ did this in order that the blessing which God promised to Abraham might be given to the Gentiles by means of Christ Jesus, so that through faith we might receive the Spirit promised by God.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?

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