

An Overview of Galatians 3

Faith, the Promise, and the Purpose of the Law



The Rebuttal of the Galatians

Galatians 3:1–5

A Sharp Rebuke: Paul directly calls the Galatians 'foolish' for drifting away from the core gospel message after having understood Christ's crucifixion.

The Question of the Spirit: He asks them if they received the Holy Spirit by performing ritual works of the Mosaic Law or by hearing with faith.

Experiential Proof: Their own initial experience of the Christian life, filled with miracles and the presence of the Spirit, was entirely initiated by faith, not human effort.



The Example of Abraham & The Curse

Galatians 3:6–14

- **Accounted as Righteous:** Long before the Law existed, Abraham trusted God, and his faith was credited to him as absolute righteousness.
- **True Sons of Abraham:** Spiritual lineage is not defined by physical circumcision or ancestry, but by sharing the same faith that Abraham demonstrated.
- **The Curse of the Law:** The Law demands 100% perfect compliance. Failing even once brings a curse, meaning the Law exposes sin rather than saving.
- **Redeemed by Christ:** Jesus Christ redeemed believers from this curse by taking it entirely upon Himself when He hung on the cross.



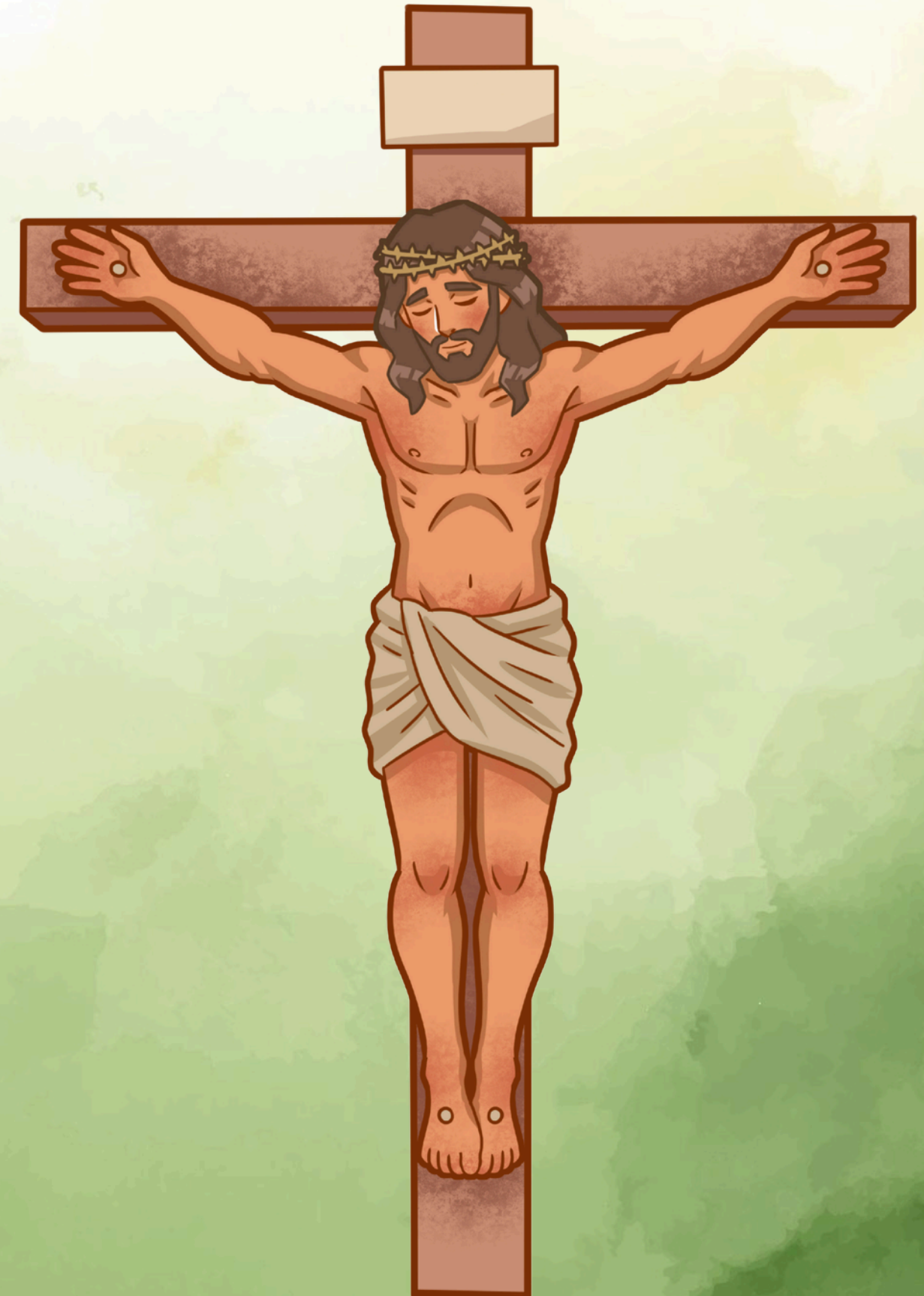
The True Purpose of the Law

Galatians 3:15–25

The Unchanging Promise: The legal covenant introduced 430 years later cannot void or replace the original permanent promise God granted to Abraham.

The Guardian / Tutor: The Law was added temporarily because of transgressions, functioning as a strict guardian ('paidagogos') to protect and restrain humanity.

A Bridge to Christ: The primary role of the Law was to point out the need for a Savior, keeping humanity under guard until faith in Christ was revealed.



Sons of God and Spiritual Unity

Galatians 3:26–29

Clothed with Christ: Through dynamic faith in Christ Jesus, all believers are adopted as full children of God and are metaphorically 'clothed' with Christ.

Universal Radical Unity: Cultural, social, and gender divisions are completely secondary to spiritual identity: 'neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female.'

Heirs to the Seed: If you belong entirely to Christ, then you are truly Abraham's seed and legal heirs according to God's divine promise.

