

# Galatians 3:1-4:7

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***SERIES OVERVIEW.*** The undercurrent of the entire book of Galatians in one word is this: grace. It's about the real gospel versus a fake gospel. While many are caught trying to earn their way to God, he's telling us to look up. He's waiting for us to stop trying to earn his love and start learning to live from being loved.

## ***QUESTIONS:***

- In Galatians 3, Paul reaches back into the Older Testament to help explain the message of freedom. In what ways does God seem different in the Older Testament than in the New Testament? How do they fit together? Is this confusing to you?
- How can Abraham's example in Galatians 3:6-9 teach you about faith and righteousness?
- What promise did God make to Abraham? What implications does that promise have for you? How does knowing God's acceptance of you is based on your faith and not your right behavior change the way you live?
- Salvation through faith was always the plan. God's plan was never for you to be good enough or to earn your way into his love. Have you ever thought of Jesus as a backup plan to God's original design? What's the danger of thinking this way?
- Read Galatians 3:19-22. What was the purpose of the Old Testament law? How have you struggled with the expectations of religious rules? What kind of balance should there be between right behavior and having faith?
- Read 4:4-7 again. How would you put this into your own words and what does that look like in your life?

***CLOSING:*** What did you need to hear today? How will you respond?