

Camp Creek Primitive Baptist Church

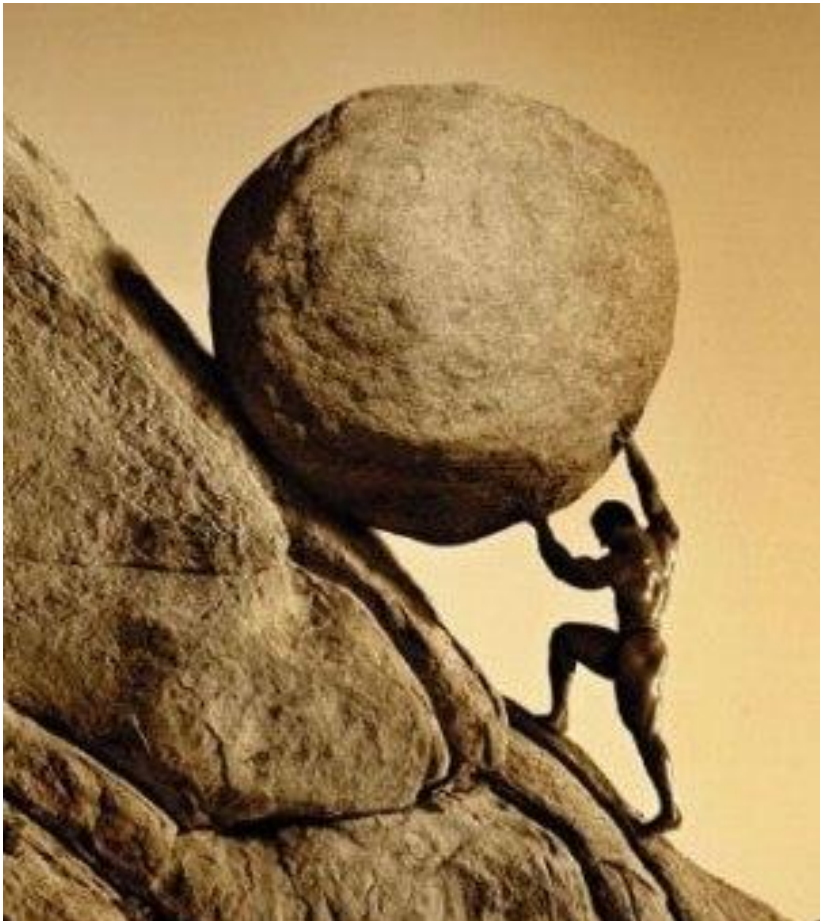


Galatians 3



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Gal. 3:1 "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?"



They had seen Jesus die and
raise to life again.
He alone conquered death.

Gal. 3:2 "This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the **hearing of faith**?"



QUESTION:

Do dead people hear?

Gal. 3:3 "Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now **made perfect** by the flesh?"

Are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?



Gal. 3:5 "He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"

Paul appeals to the reason of the Galatia brethren to consider that the apostle who had ministered among them and was given sign gifts that the manifestation of these gifts was by the working of the Holy Spirit and done by the apostle through his faithful trust in the promises of God.

Nothing in the works of the law can account for these miracles that were done among the brethren

Gal. 3:6-9

"6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. 7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. 8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. 9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham."

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Faith is a fruit of the Spirit and therefore evidence of regeneration.

Following regeneration there is the fruit of the Spirit manifest by faith of the individual. The consequence of faith is:

1. They received the Spirit.
2. They worked miracles.
3. They believed God.



6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was **accounted** to him for righteousness:"

Believing God does not make one righteous.



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Would this poker chip
work at McDonald's???



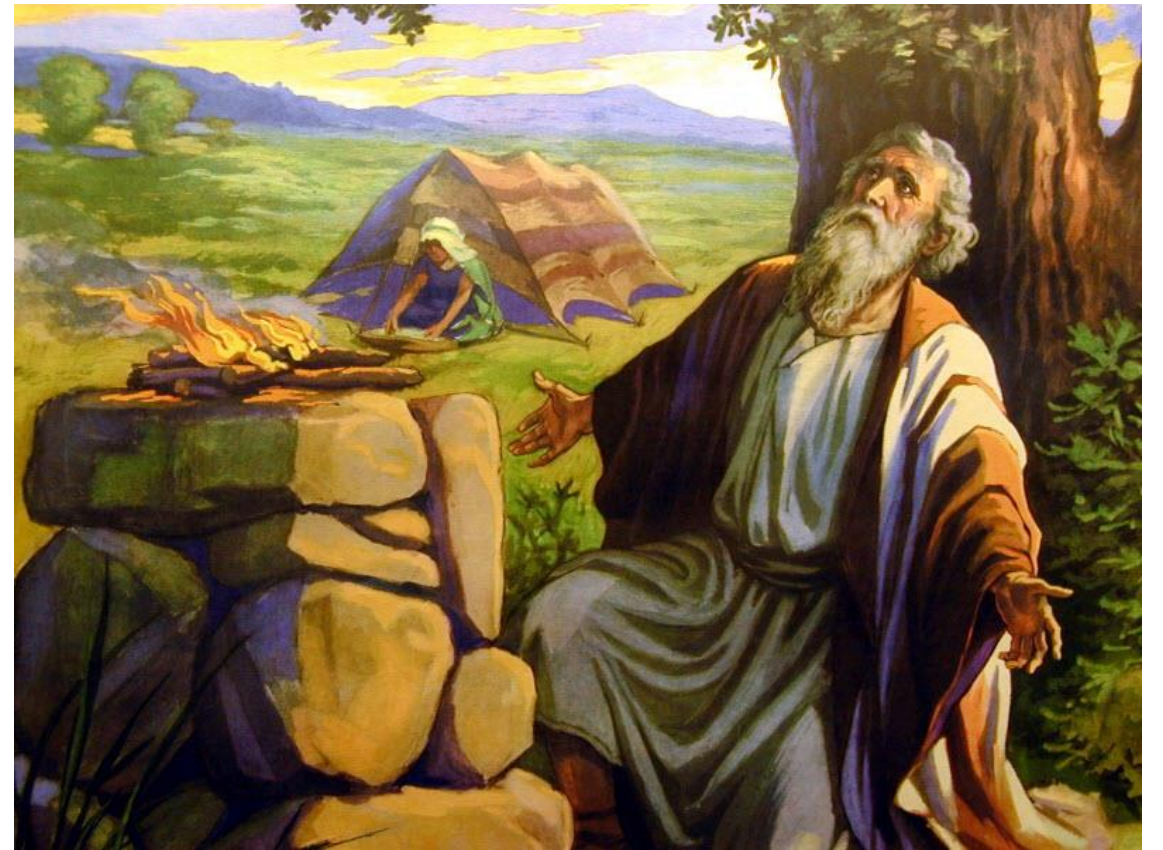
Abraham was **already born of the Spirit** when it was said of him that "he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness."

Gen. 15:3 "And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. 4 And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. 5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. 6 **And he believed in the LORD;** and he counted it to him for righteousness."

Prior to this passage in Genesis chapter 15, God had appeared to Abram in Genesis chapter 12 and the next several chapters show us the actions of Abram.

Between chapters 12 and 15, God had commanded Abram to leave his country, his father's house, his kindred, and go into a country that God would show him.

Abram did this



Also, God had promised several things concerning the seed of Abram.

In addition, Abram had built altars to worship the Lord.

Moreover, Abram had defeated the enemies who had taken Lot captive by faith.

Then he was met by Melchisedec who blessed him bringing forth bread and wine. Obviously Abram had already been born of the Spirit and had been walking with God for some time before the events in Genesis chapter 15.



Abram was already righteous and his believing in the promise of the Lord was a righteous action of a righteous man.

Belief in the promises of God is a righteous action of a righteous man.

"7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham."

Abraham is said to be the father of the faithful. This is true, not only of the natural descendants of Abraham, but also of the Gentiles. Abraham is not the father of the faithful through procreation, but he is the **fatherly example** of faith that we are to follow. **When we, who have been born of the Spirit of God, believe the promises of God, we are following the example of Abraham who is our fatherly example.**

"8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. 9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham."

The promise of God was sure, whether Abraham believed it or not.

However, Abraham did believe it and he received the assurance of faith thereby.

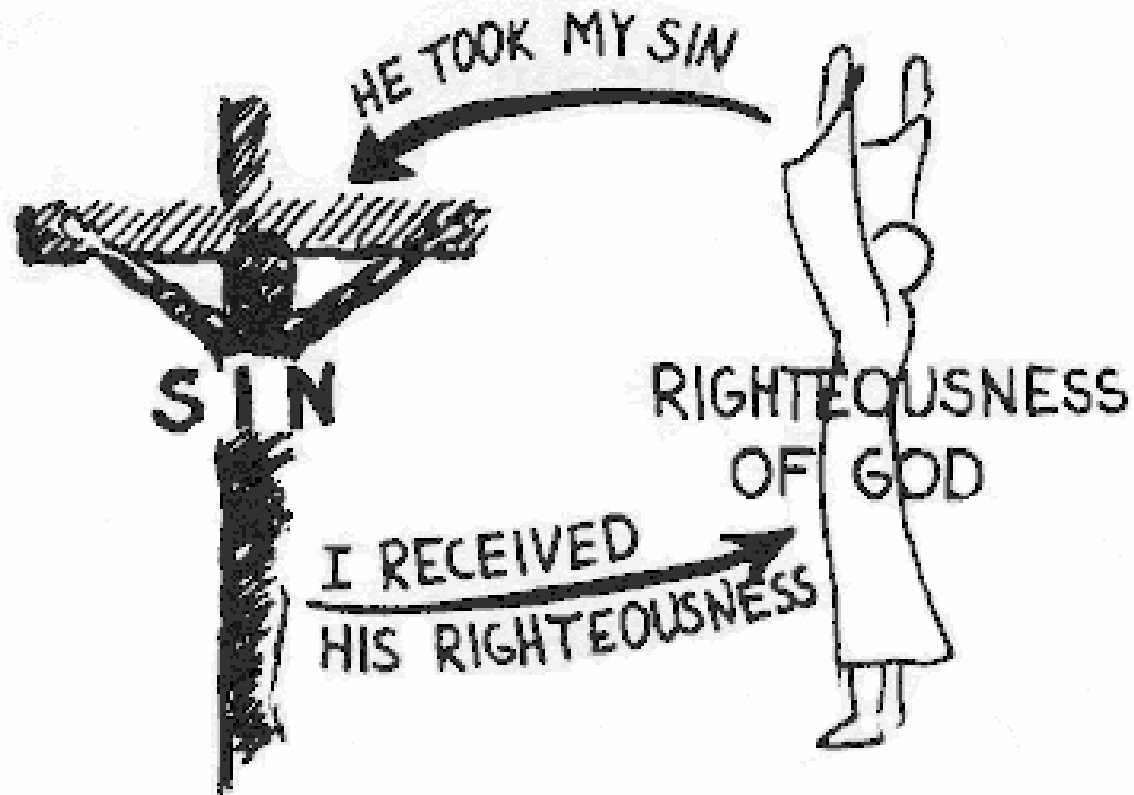
The scriptures show us in the events of God's promise to Abraham that the Gentiles are embraced in the work of the promised seed of Abraham. This was done in the saying of God: "*In thee shall all nations be blessed.*"

Christ, the promised seed,
was faithful to fulfill the
promise of God and to justify
the elect in all nations of the
earth.

The heathen were justified
through the faithfulness of
Christ to fulfill the promise of
God and to die on the cross
to redeem them from their
sins.



What God said to Abraham concerning the promised seed and all nations being blessed by that **seed** is the same message of the **true gospel** of the grace of Christ.



That message is that God has a people in all nations of the earth that he chose before the foundation of the world and that Christ came to redeem his chosen people from their sins by his grace.

Therefore, we which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham in believing the gospel of the grace of Christ.

Let me ask you something....

- If I put \$1,000,000,000 in your bank account



Let me ask you something....

- Would you live differently?



Or would you keep

- driving the same car,
- live in the same house,
- do your own laundry?



Let me ask you something....

- What if I didn't tell you about the \$1,000,000,000



Let me ask you something....

- Would you still possess it?

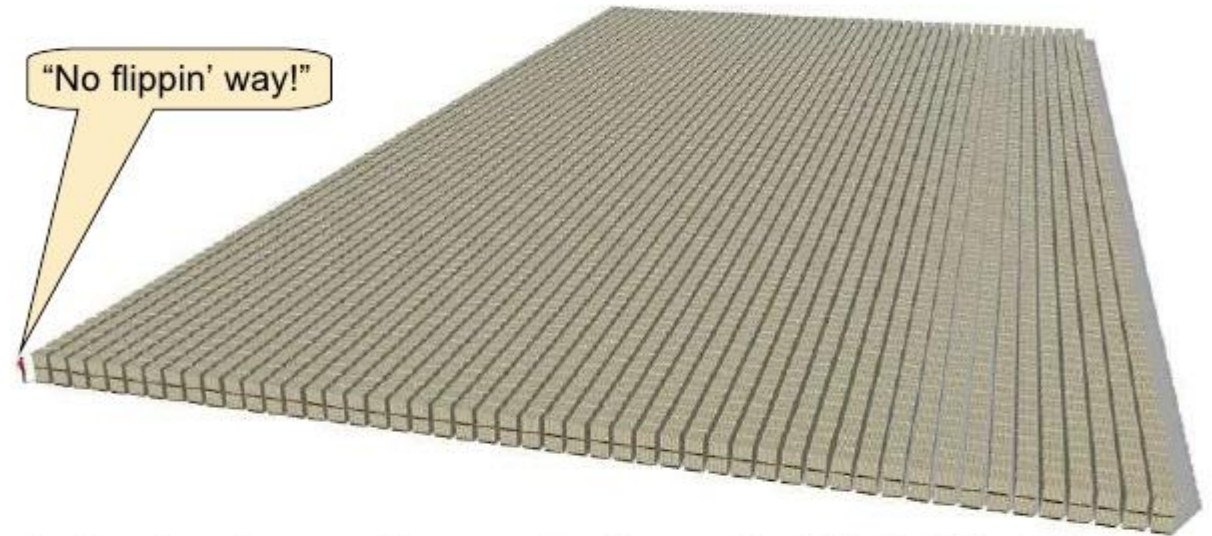


Think of justification like this, Jesus gave us a *trillion* dollars.

- If we believe it, will we live differently?
- Are we living like it?

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...

I give you \$1 Trillion dollars...



And notice those pallets are double stacked \$100 dollar bills!
So the next time you hear your Congressman toss around the phrase
"trillion dollars"... that's what they're talking about. Read on...

The righteousness of Christ is **not** the warmed-over law that is served up much too often, with its musts, oughts, and shoulds.

Righteousness is having our hearts aligned with God by God, for out of this alignment we are restored into the people we were created to be

Questions?

