

GALATIANS 3

Paul offers **five arguments**, all demonstrating the sufficiency of justification by faith alone.

I. THE ARGUMENT FROM THE GALATIANS THEMSELVES (3:1-5)

- A. **They became believers by turning to the gospel (3:1-2).**
- B. **They are becoming bewitched by turning from the gospel (3:3-5).**

II. THE ARGUMENT FROM ABRAHAM (3:6-9, 15-18)

- A. **How Abraham was saved (3:6-9)**
 1. *His salvation (3:6):* He was justified by faith.
 2. *Our salvation (3:7-9):* Both Jews and Gentiles are justified by faith.
- B. **Who saved Abraham (3:15-16):** It was Christ, who came from the line of Abraham.
- C. **When Abraham was saved (3:17-18):** The promise was given to him 430 years before the law was introduced.

III. THE ARGUMENT FROM THE LAW (3:10-12, 19-25)

- A. **The problem of the law (3:10-12):** Those under the law who do not obey all of it are cursed by the law.
- B. **The purpose of the law (3:19-25)**
 1. *It helps to point out our sin (3:19-20).*
 2. *It helps to prepare for our Savior (3:21-25):* The law serves as teacher and guide to bring us to Christ.

IV. THE ARGUMENT FROM THE WORK OF THE SON OF GOD (3:13-14)

- A. **What he did (3:13a):** He redeemed us from the curse of the law.
- B. **How he did it (3:13b):** He became a curse for us on the cross.
- C. **Why he did it (3:14):** He did it to fulfill the promise God gave Abraham.

V. THE ARGUMENT FROM THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD (3:26-29)

- A. **What he does (3:26-27):** He baptizes repenting Jews and Gentiles into the body of Christ.
- B. **Why he does it (3:28-29):** This assures that all may share in the promise once given to Abraham.