

Galatians

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, then, and do not be encumbered
once more by a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1



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1 O foolish Galatians!

Who has bewitched you?

Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified.

2 I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by **works of the law, or by **hearing with faith**?**



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6 So also,

“Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

7 Understand, then, that those who have faith are the sons of Abraham.



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10 All who **rely** on works of the law are under a curse.

For it is written: “**Cursed** is everyone who does not continue to do **everything** written in the Book of the Law.”



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11 And it is clear that no one is justified before God by the law, because,

“The righteous will live by faith.”



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Deuteronomy 21

22 If a man has committed a sin worthy of death, and he is executed, and you hang his body on a tree,

23 you must not leave the body on the tree overnight, but you must be sure to bury him that day, because **anyone who is hung on a tree is under God's curse.**



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18 For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on a promise;

but God freely granted it to Abraham through a promise.



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19 Why then was the law given?

It was **added** because of transgressions,

until the arrival of the seed to whom the promise referred.



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It was administered through angels by a mediator.

20 A mediator is unnecessary, however, if there is only one party; but God is one.



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21 Is the law, then, opposed to the promises of God?

Certainly not!

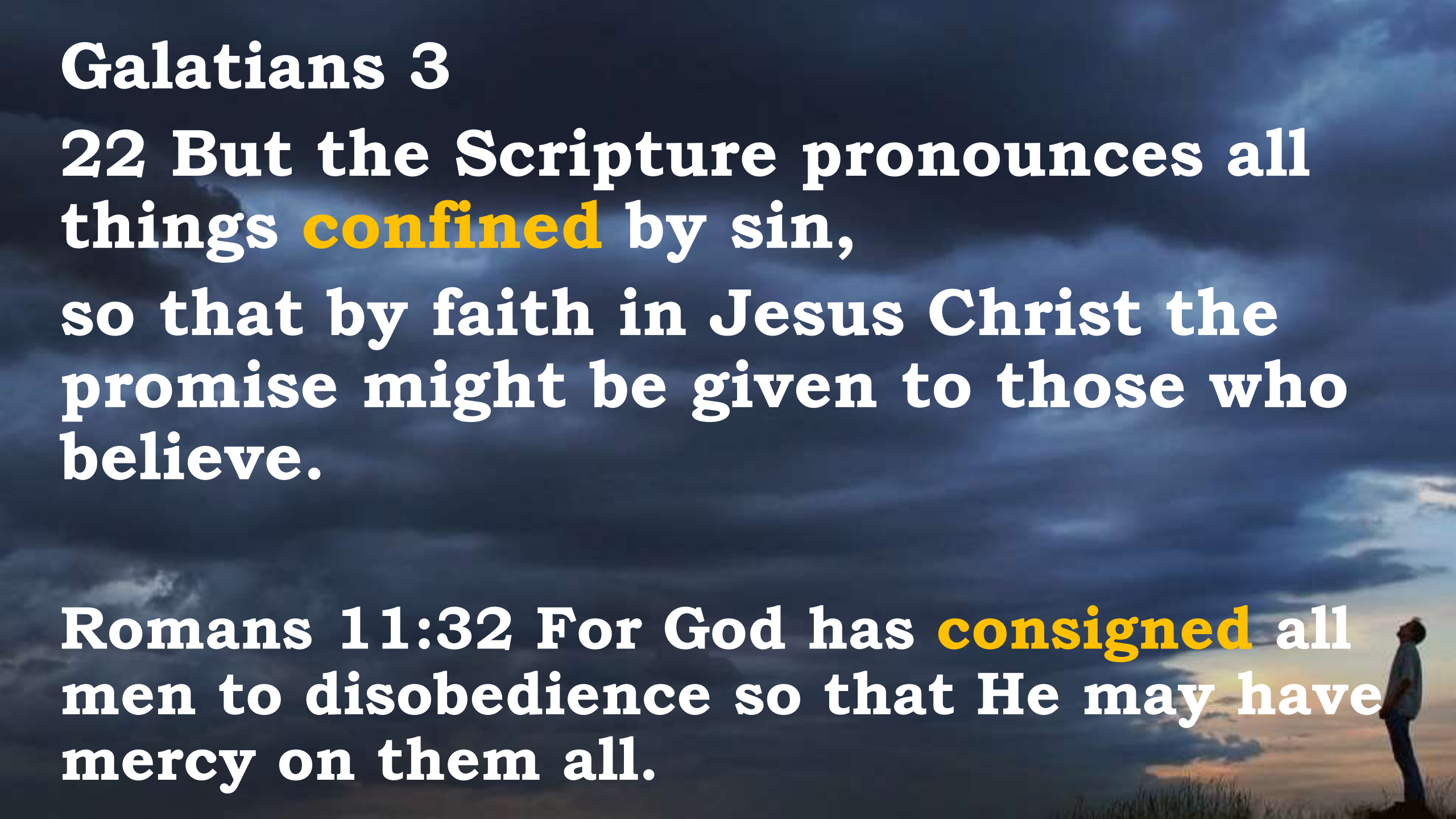
For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come from the law.



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22 But the Scripture pronounces all things **confined** by sin, so that by faith in Jesus Christ the promise might be given to those who believe.

Romans 11:32 For God has **consigned** all men to disobedience so that He may have mercy on them all.



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23 Before this faith came, we were held in custody under the law, **locked up until faith should be revealed.**

24 So the law became our guardian to lead us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 Now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.



What is the Purpose for the Law?

1. It shows me what sin is
2. It arouses sin in me
3. It teaches me of the holiness of God
4. It declares all sin as rebellion against God
5. It proves that no man can be saved by his efforts



Romans 3

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

20 Therefore no one will be justified in His sight by works of the law. For the law merely brings awareness of sin.



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19 For through the law I died to the law so that I might live to God.

20 I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.



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6. It condemns me to death
7. It leads us to repentance
8. It points me to Christ who is the fulfillment of the Law
9. It teaches me the extreme value of God's mercy



Romans 9

22 What if God, intending to show His wrath and make His power known, bore with great patience the **vessels of His wrath**, prepared for destruction?

23 What if He did this to make the riches of His glory known to the **vessels of His mercy**, whom He prepared in advance for glory—



Covenant of Law

Moses

Brings a curse

Brings death

A conditional covenant

A temporary covenant

Is based on our work

Is impossible

Reveals how sinful I am

Leads us to repentance

A command fulfilled by obedience

Is mediated by created beings

Culminates in the cross

Produces sin in me

Keeps me in bondage

Brings eternal torment

Covenant of Grace

Abraham/David/Christ

Brings blessing

Brings life

An unconditional covenant

An eternal covenant

Is based on Christ's work

Is guaranteed (for those who believe)

Reveals how holy God is

Leads us to faith

A promise fulfilled by belief

Is mediated by Christ

Culminates in the resurrection

Produces righteousness in me

Frees me to serve in love

Brings eternal life

Covenant of Law

Demands of us

Causes either pride or despair

Brings judgement

We operate in the flesh

We either love or hate ourselves

God says "You must..."

Covenant of Grace

Gives to us

Causes peace and rest

Brings mercy

We operate in the Spirit

We love Christ

God says "I will..."

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26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.



Final Thoughts

- 1. The entire created world is the stage that God used to bring about His amazing plan of redemption – and all for His glory**
 - this is the sole purpose for creation**
 - we are incredibly blessed to have our vantage point**
- 2. We MUST be able to distinguish between law and grace**
- 3. Our understanding of our inability to be holy before God ...
...will directly correspond with our love for Christ**
- 4. Our understanding that we deserve God's wrath will directly correspond with knowing the riches of His mercy**
- 5. God is not willing to share His glory with me**



