



METRO NEW YORK WORLD MINISTRY
ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL CONTRIBUTING NOTES
For the week of July 22 – July 28, 2017
Lesson #5 of **“The Gospel in Galatians”**



Old Testament Faith

Memory Text: *“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, ‘Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:’ ”*
([Galatians 3:13 KJV](#)).

Read and Meditate for This Week’s Study:

*Galatians 3:1-14; Romans 1:2, 4:3; Genesis 15:6, 12:1-3; Leviticus 17:11;
2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:28-29; 4:10; 5:2-3; 6:15; 1 John 2:6*

Main Thought for the Week: Today, there is much confusion throughout Christendom concerning what actually derailed the Galatians in their Christian walk. But, if we look carefully at all that the Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write to them, we will see what the core issue was, and be able to better understand how it applies to us today. (**Galatians 3:11; 3:28-29; 4:10; 5:2-3; 6:15**) On account of this deviation from the Gospel, God took an opportunity to teach us some key truths about the Gospel, the primacy of the Scriptures, and the nature of Faith and Salvation, and Christ’s vital work during His earthly ministry. We will look at these truths in our review for this week.



Grounded in Scripture

Sunday's Summary – July 23:

1. What did Paul and the apostolic church consider "Scriptures?"

Galatians 3:6-8 _____

2 Timothy 3:16-17 _____

Romans 1:2 _____

ILLUMINATION: Every part of the Bible is given by inspiration of God and is profitable. The Old Testament no less than the New should receive attention. As we study the Old Testament we shall find living springs bubbling up where the careless reader discerns only a desert. – Ellen G. White, **Education**, p. 191

Discuss/Consider: Given that all Biblical inspiration is of the Holy Spirit, can we rank any of the Biblical writers as more inspired or less inspired than any of the others? (e.g. are Paul's writings more inspired than Moses' writings?) _____

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



The Foolish Galatians

Monday's Summary – July 24:

1. From what clear Gospel Truth had the Galatians been distracted?

Galatians 3:1-5 _____

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 _____

2. What does it mean to be “under the law?”

1 Corinthians 9:20-21 _____

Galatians 4:4-5 _____

Romans 8:7 _____

ILLUMINATION: Paul did not approach the Jews in such a way as to arouse their prejudices. He did not at first tell them that they must believe in Jesus of Nazareth; but dwelt upon the prophecies that spoke of Christ, His mission and His work. Step by step he led his hearers on, showing the importance of honoring the law of God. He gave due honor to the ceremonial law, showing that it was Christ who instituted the Jewish economy and the sacrificial service. Then he brought them down to the first advent of the Redeemer, and showed that in the life and death of Christ every specification of the sacrificial service had been fulfilled.

The Gentiles, Paul approached by exalting Christ, and then presenting the binding claims of the law. He showed how the light reflected by the cross of Calvary gave significance and glory to the whole Jewish economy. – Ellen G. White, **Gospel Workers**, p. 118

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



Reckoned as Righteous

Tuesday’s Summary – July 25:

SUMMARY THOUGHTS: Abraham is a key figure in Judaism - perhaps the key figure, from the perspective of the Jews. They saw him as the father of their race, the holder of the promises, and the one through whom the Messiah would come, to lead them into a reign of dominance and prosperity. Unfortunately, the Jews did not behave like Abraham, although they loved to boast of their relationship to him. Consider, for a moment, how similar this sounds to what Christians are doing for today: waiting for a temporal millennium, and claiming the name of Christ without wanting to live like Him.

1. Upon what did God base the righteousness of Abraham?

Genesis 15:4-6 _____

Romans 4:20-24 _____

Romans 4:3 _____

Galatians 3:8-9 _____

2. Was Abraham only “reckoned” or “accounted” as righteous?

Genesis 18:17-18 _____

Genesis 22:11-12 _____

1 John 3:7 _____

John 8:39-40 _____

Hebrews 11:17 _____

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



Redeemed from the Curse of the Law

Thursday's Summary – July 27:

1. What is the curse or penalty of the Law?

Romans 6:23 _____

Galatians 2:20-21 _____

Romans 5:12 _____

2. How did Christ redeem us from the curse of the Law?

Romans 5:19 _____

Galatians 3:13 _____

2 Corinthians 5:21 _____

1 Corinthians 6:20 _____

1 Peter 2:24 _____

SUMMARY THOUGHTS: Jesus Christ took on the whole curse of the law - the full penalty for the violation of God's law - in the place of mankind that deserved it. He not only paid the price for all human sin, but through His obedience we are offered righteousness as a replacement for our filthy rags. We have been bought at a high price.

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



Wrapping It All Up...

Friday's Summary – July 28:

ILLUMINATION: Upon Christ as our substitute and surety was laid the iniquity of us all. He was counted a transgressor, that He might redeem us from the condemnation of the law. The guilt of every descendant of Adam was pressing upon His heart. The wrath of God against sin, the terrible manifestation of His displeasure because of iniquity, filled the soul of His Son with consternation. All His life Christ had been publishing to a fallen world the good news of the Father's mercy and pardoning love. Salvation for the chief of sinners was His theme. But now with the terrible weight of guilt He bears, He cannot see the Father's reconciling face. The withdrawal of the divine countenance from the Saviour in this hour of supreme anguish pierced His heart with a sorrow that can never be fully understood by man. So great was this agony that His physical pain was hardly felt.

– Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 753

Final Thoughts: At Metro New York World Ministry, we are committed to preaching the holistic gospel of Jesus Christ to each and every listener. We are also committed to teaching and encouraging our listeners to study the Bible for themselves. As it is the Holy Spirit that inspired holy men to write the words of life to us, so it is the Holy Spirit that gives us proper understanding of those scriptures of truth. We are saved through the life, death and ministry of Jesus Christ alone. We certainly cannot add to that salvation or help with it in any way. Accepting God's free gift of salvation by faith includes accepting Christ's power to live in accordance with His righteousness through the power of the Holy Spirit (**1 John 2:6**). We are **saved by God** in order to **live for God** by **the power of God** - **through faith in Jesus Christ**. Please study these passages in depth, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit to apply God's word to your life.

PERSONAL NOTES: _____
