

Galatians – Lesson 23 “The Seed of Abraham”

Galatians 3:15-22 Part 2

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Introduction/Review

- Last time we learned that inheritance comes through the promise, whereas the law was put in place (mercifully by God) to make us aware of sin and of our need for Christ
- This week, given the Advent season, let’s take some time to ponder this Seed of Abraham—who he is and what he accomplished
- In our passage (Gal. 3:15-22), there are three verses in particular that beautifully highlight these Advent themes

The Seed of Abraham (Gal. 3:16)

- The promises were spoken to Abraham and his ‘seed’
 - Recall, Greek word *sperma*
 - Hebrew word *zera* in passages such as Gen. 12:7, 13:15, 17:7
- The identity of the Seed of Abraham hinted throughout the scriptures
 - Psa. 89:3-4
 - Isa. 11:1, 10
 - Gen. 3:15
- Why are the blessings able to flow to all the nations through this Seed? (Heb. 1:1-4)

The Arrival of the Seed (Gal. 3:19)

- The law was added until the [Seed] should come to whom the promise had been made
- Look ahead to Gal. 4:4-5
- Christ came not to abolish the law, but to fulfill it (Matt. 5:17)
- And yet Christ is the end of the law (Rom. 10:4)

The Faithfulness of Christ (Gal. 3:22)

- Faith in / of Christ

- Greek phrase *pistis Christou*
- Phil. 2:8
- What did Christ's faithfulness, or obedience, achieve for us?
 - 2 Cor. 5:21
 - Rom. 5:9-10

Conclusion

This Christmas season, let's hold near in our hearts this Seed of Abraham, the heir of the promise, who became a curse for us and fulfilled the law on our behalf, so that by his faithfulness, the promise could be given to us

Note:

We will be off for the next two weeks for Christmas

We will be back on January 5 to study Gal. 3:23-29

Have a Merry Christmas, and a happy New Year!