

All of God's Blessings for Anyone Who Believes **Galatians 3:6-14**

1. Abraham received God's blessings by faith (3:6)

“God graciously viewed Abraham’s faith as having in itself fulfilled all that God expected of Abraham in order for him to be in the right before God.”¹

2. Anyone can receive those same blessings by faith (3:7-9)

“Abraham’s blessing is God’s solution to the world’s problems.... Abraham’s blessing is God’s way of reversing the horrific effects of the curse upon the whole creation.... Genesis 12 comes not only on the heels of Genesis 3-11, which describes the fall and its aftereffects, but comes as a *direct response* to what we see in those chapters.... Imagine it as God’s reversing and thus undoing all that senseless devastation and destruction, turning it all back, restoring it to its original state, bringing his shalom-peace out of utter chaos and desolation.... This is what the Bible understands to be Abraham’s blessing. This is why God blessed Abraham and called him to be a blessing to the nations, to the world: the promise of a new creation, free from sickness and sin and death.”²

3. Those who try to rely on their own performance instead will remain under God's sentence of death (3:10-12)

¹ Moo, D. J. (2013). Galatians (p. 188). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.

² Wilson, Todd (2013). Galatians: Gospel Rooted Living (pp.100-101). Wheaton, IL: Crossway.

4. Christ took God’s sentence of death so that everyone can receive the blessings through faith (3:13-14a)

“Legally speaking, [Christ] *became sin* [for us]. Why is that so important to realize? Because it shows the stunning claim regarding what happens to us when we believe. If Jesus ‘became’ a sinner for us, then we have ‘become’ righteous in the same way. If His taking the curse means that He was regarded by God as a sinner, then our receiving the blessing means that we are regarded by God as if we are perfectly righteous and flawless. Salvation means much more than forgiveness. We do not simply have our slate wiped clean; we also become perfect in God’s sight. And we stay perfect in God’s sight. We do not begin by trusting in Christ’s curse-becoming, blessing-giving death for us, and then continue ‘by human effort’, as though we must now earn ongoing blessing. That is ‘foolish’ (v.1). We go on as we began, having our hearts melted and molded by knowing and trusting Christ crucified [v.2]. We never move on from the gospel – we never can, and never need to.”³

5. As a result, the richness of God’s blessing, exemplified by the gift of the Spirit, is for all who receive God’s gift through faith alone (3:14b)

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³ Keller, Timothy (2013). Galatians For You (pp.75-76). The Good Book Company.