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Preview of Paul's Correction of These Errors

- The Mosaic Law was never a means of salvation. Salvation was always by faith.
- The Mosaic Law is now not our basis for continued fellowship with God or spirituality. In fact, in Christ we are free from observance of the Mosaic Law.
- However, “All Scripture is God-breathed and is profitable for...instruction in righteousness.”

3:6-7: So You Like Abraham?

Just like Abraham “believed (aorist active indicative) in God and it was credited to him (aorist passive indicative, LOGIZOMAI) unto righteousness (DIKAIOSUNE),”

so you must know (present active indicative/imperative, GINWSKW) that those *who are* from the source of faith, these are sons of Abraham.

3:8-9: What About Before Gen 15?

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as a result of seeing that God justifies the
Gentiles from faith,

Evangelized beforehand (PROEUAGGELIZW)
to Abraham that, “All the Gentiles will be
blessed in you.” (Gen 12:3)

⁹Therefore those who are from faith are being
blessed (present passive indicative,
EULOGEW) with the believing Abraham.

Paul's Categorical Language

1. “From faith,” ek + genitive of pistis, sets up the category of those who believe.
2. Notice that Paul thinks in terms of this simple distinction between members of the human race.
3. The continuity of belief for righteousness that receives blessing has been true for all of human history.
4. Why did Paul not use Adam?

Answer: Abraham, the “father of Israel” was saved as a Gentile!

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The Soteriology of the Abrahamic Covenant

1. God's promise to Abraham regarding blessing in Gen 12:3 and 18:18 carried a universal benefit.
2. All the "nations" would be blessed. This hints at Unlimited Atonement.
3. This is the last and most important component in the Abrahamic Covenant of "Land, Seed, and Blessing."
4. "Blessing" means enjoyment of relationship with God or Salvation.
5. This blessing of righteousness in Christ has always been available to all human beings, most of whom have been Gentiles.
6. Therefore there is no room for discussion of the Mosaic Law in the determination of how God saves.

7. The Abrahamic Covenant is different from the promise in Gen 3:15 because it **specifies** Abraham as the father of the family that will fulfill this blessing prophecy for all mankind.
8. Notice that this is an eschatological covenant, with a future possession of the Land by the Seed Who is the Blessing.
9. The Key to understanding the Bible is the principle of the **PROGRESS** of REVELATION

The Theme of Cursing and Blessin

Gen 12:3 Blessing and curse

Dt 27:26: Curse