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*“Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, ‘And to seeds,’ as of many, but as of one, ‘And to your Seed,’ who is **Christ**.” — Galatians 3:16 (NKJV)*

Highlight key: = grace / *apart-from-works* truth · = the precious gift · **bold** = key terms

Knowledge That Transforms Your Path

As knowledge of Christ grows, the path ahead becomes light — like a lantern spreading from Scripture along the road you walk.

Continuous hearing of the word builds knowledge — and knowledge transforms how you walk. The more you know Christ, the clearer your path becomes, like light on a dark road.

- **Knowledge** opens the eyes of your heart to see what God has prepared
- Scripture read and heard repeatedly reshapes thinking and action
- The goal of study is to become like Christ in healing, health, and conduct
- Transformation follows renewed knowledge — not willpower alone
- **Continuous hearing of faith** — galatians 3 links ongoing gospel hearing to health, prosperity, and every promise
- **Path becomes light** — as knowledge of Christ grows, you see where to walk and reflect his works in healing and conduct
- **Sunday and study** — corporate worship builds foundation; deeper Bible study takes the same truths further

- **Ultimate goal** — salvation, Christlikeness, and sharing good news all rest on knowing Him
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Hope, Faith, and Love — Blueprint and Bricks

Hope, faith, and love work together. Hope paints the future; faith lays the bricks today; love remains the greatest because God loved us first.

Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)

*“Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”*
— **Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)**

- **Hope** — vision: you design the house (rooms, kitchen, study) in your imagination
- **Faith** — action: brick by brick you build what you envisioned
- **Love** — motive: God loved us; faith and hope flow from his love toward us
- Faith **speaks** — believing in the heart must be confessed with the mouth

Acts 2:17 (NKJV)

“It shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams.” — **Acts 2:17 (NKJV)**

Proverbs 29:18 (NKJV)

“Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but happy is he who keeps the law.” — **Proverbs 29:18 (NKJV)** — without vision, people perish

- **Eyes of the heart** — pray for open spiritual eyes to see prosperity, health, and service before it appears outwardly
- **Bronze serpent** — wilderness healing came by looking at the lifted serpent, a picture of Christ, not by staring at the snake-bite of sin
- **Worldly hope** — manifestation culture imagines futures without faith’s bricks; believers have blueprint and builder

- **Morning vision** — give each day to God in prayer or the day itself can perish for lack of direction
 - **Faith speaks** — until you confess, faith is not in action; words lay bricks on hope's foundation
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Five Keys in Galatians 3

galatians 3 was written to restore the true gospel: constant supply of the Spirit and blessing comes by faith in Christ, not by works of law. Continuous hearing of faith leads to health, prosperity, and every promise you expect.

Galatians 3:1 (NKJV)

“O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?” —

galatians 3:1 (NKJV)

1. The **Seed** — Christ
 2. The **new covenant promise** to Abraham
 3. The **reason** for the old covenant
 4. The law as **schoolmaster**
 5. The **inheritance** by promise
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The Seed Is Christ — Not Many Seeds

Paul insists on one Seed — Christ — not Isaac and Jacob as competing seeds; every nation is blessed through Him alone.

Paul argues from covenant law: once confirmed, no one adds to it. The promise to Abraham points to one Seed — Christ — not to Isaac and Jacob as competing seeds.

Galatians 3:15-16 (NKJV)

“Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man's covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it. Now to Abraham and his Seed were the

promises made. He does not say, 'And to seeds,' as of many, but as of one, 'And to your Seed,' who is Christ." — **Galatians 3:15-16 (NKJV)**

Genesis 12:1-3 (NKJV)

"In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." — **Genesis 12:3 (NKJV)**

Genesis 15:6 (NKJV)

*"And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for **righteousness**."* — **Genesis 15:6 (NKJV)**

- Abraham believed on Christ who would take away sin — that faith was counted righteousness
- Having Isaac was **fruit**, not the root — the blessing is righteousness in Christ
- Every nation blessed flows from the one Seed
- **Genesis 12:7 and 13:15** — land promise runs to Abraham's Seed, fulfilled in Christ
- **Genesis 15:5** — stars in the sky: so shall your seed be — countless in the one Redeemer
- **Blessing of Abraham in worship** — songs declare imputed righteousness through Christ, not material gain apart from the cross
- **Root before fruit** — Isaac came because Abraham first believed the Redeemer; never reverse the order

The New Covenant Promise Before the Law

God gave the promise to Abraham **430 years before** the law at Sinai. The later law cannot annul an earlier covenant confirmed by God in Christ.

Galatians 3:17-18 (NKJV)

"And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of

promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.” — Galatians 3:17-18 (NKJV)

Genesis 15 (NKJV)

“So He said to him, ‘Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.’ ... when the sun went down and it was dark, behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram...” — Genesis 15 (NKJV) — Abraham slept; God cut covenant with Himself

Animals were cut in half. Abraham fell into a deep sleep. A smoking oven and burning torch passed between the pieces — God made covenant **with Himself**, not with Abraham as the weak partner. The same pattern appears at the cross: covenant between the Father and the Son for us.

Abraham asleep on the sand; halved animals in two rows; the smoking oven and burning torch pass alone — humanity rests while God swears by Himself.

- Abraham slept — humanity cannot keep the covenant by performance
- God alone passed between the pieces — one-party grace covenant
- Cross reveals the same: Father and Son, not your works, secure the blessing

Why the Law Came — Mediator vs One God

The law was added because of transgressions until the Seed should come. It was ordained through angels by the hand of a mediator — Moses. A mediator implies two parties; the Abrahamic promise needed no mediator because God is one.

Galatians 3:19-20 (NKJV)

“What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one.” — Galatians 3:19-20 (NKJV)

Romans 5:19 (NKJV) — transcript: Romans 519

“For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by **one Man’s obedience** many will be made **righteous**.” — **Romans 5:19 / Romans 5:19**
(NKJV)

Old covenant path	New covenant path
My obedience → I become righteous	His obedience → I receive righteousness
Blessing depends on my performance (weak link)	Blessing depends on God’s covenant (no weak link)
Mediator between God and people	God covenants with Himself in Christ

Job vs Abraham: Temporary vs Everlasting Righteousness

Job offered bulls and goats for temporary standing; Abraham believed the coming Redeemer and received righteousness that cannot be revoked.

Galatian believers asked the same question we ask today: did Job and Abraham become righteous by works? Scripture distinguishes Job as **perfect and upright** from Abraham as **righteous by faith** — and temporary standing from everlasting standing before God.

- **Job** — Scripture calls him perfect and upright, yet not righteous; he sought blessing through his own obedience and repeated animal sacrifices.
- **Bulls and goats** — Hebrews 10 shows that system produced only temporary righteousness; blessing could be withdrawn when God found any gap in performance.
- **Abraham** — believed God about a coming Redeemer who would bear sin; righteousness credited before Isaac was born.
- **Everlasting righteousness** — what Christ gives cannot be revoked; Job’s blessing was limited, conditional, and tied to sacrifice shadows.

- **Justified then righteous** — Galatians 2: justification is the verb (action at the cross); righteous is the noun (your new identity).
- **All blessings inside one word** — righteousness means no sin counted against you; every covenant blessing flows from that standing.
- **Why Job suffered** — temporary righteousness left room for testing; everlasting righteousness in Christ removes the old covenant fault line.

Job's story is not a template for new-covenant believers — it exposes the limit of performance-based religion. Abraham's story is the gospel prototype: believe the Seed, receive righteousness, see fruit follow.

The Exam — 100 Out of 100

Under law, ninety-nine equals zero; one stumble fails all — only Christ's perfect obedience is credited in the new covenant.

Under law, heaven's pass mark is perfection. One failure makes you guilty of all — like scoring ninety-nine still equals zero when the standard is one hundred.

James 2:10 (NKJV)

"For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all." — James 2:10 (NKJV)

1 John 1:9 (NKJV)

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." — 1 John 1:9 (NKJV)

Galatians 2:16-17 (NKJV)

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ..." — Galatians 2:16 (NKJV)

Hebrews 10:1-4 (NKJV)

"For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices... make those who approach

perfect.” — Hebrews 10:1 (NKJV)

- Law path: pass only with perfect score — impossible by works
 - Old sacrifices gave **temporary** righteousness — never made worshippers perfect (Hebrews 10)
 - In Christ you receive **everlasting** righteousness — blessing stays
 - Worry and fear themselves show no one keeps the law path perfectly
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Sinai — When the Covenant Changed

Until the fiftieth day God led with kindness; after Israel chose performance-based blessing, the tone shifted to commandments and storm.

Until the fiftieth day after deliverance, God led Israel with kindness — “I led you,” “I protected you.” When the people asked to be blessed according to their own obedience, the tone shifted to “You shall not...” Anger is called a **strange** work of God; his nature is goodness that leads to repentance.

Romans 2:4 (NKJV)

*“Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the **goodness of God leads you to repentance?**” — Romans 2:4 (NKJV)*

- Law **came in** by the side — not God’s first plan for blessing by human merit
 - Lifespan, sickness, and sorrow intensified under the old covenant economy
 - Christ is the end of the law — restoration to promise by faith
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Schoolmaster, Inheritance, and Faith vs Flesh

The law was our tutor until Christ came. Inheritance is by promise, not by law-keeping. When Sarah laughed at the promise of a son, she looked at flesh; Abraham believed God who gives life to the dead.

Galatians 3:24-25 (NKJV)

"Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor." — **Galatians 3:24-25 (NKJV)**

Galatians 3:29 (NKJV)

"And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." — **Galatians 3:29 (NKJV)**

- Law teaches need; promise gives inheritance in Christ
- Sarah laughed — flesh doubt; faith rests on God's word alone
- Stand in the new covenant — "God is doing it," not "I must qualify myself"

Old Covenant vs New Covenant

Old covenant commands you; new covenant declares I will — blessing tied to God's faithfulness, not your flawless performance.

Compare the language: old covenant commands **you**; new covenant declares **I will**. Scripture says if the first covenant had been faultless, no second would be needed.

Hebrews 8:7-8 (NKJV) — transcript: Hebrews 877

"For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. Because finding fault with them, He says: 'Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah...'" — **Hebrews 877 / Hebrews 8:7-8 (NKJV)**

Jeremiah 31:31-33 (NKJV)

*"Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant... I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.'" — **Jeremiah 31:31-33 (NKJV)***

Old covenant	New covenant
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You shall / you shall not	I will / I will
Blessing tied to your obedience	Blessing tied to God's faithfulness
Fault found — weak partner (you)	Promise secured in Christ

God Always Deals by Covenant

From Genesis to Revelation, life changes when the covenant changes. God always deals with humanity on the basis of covenant — not arbitrary mood, but sworn promise. The question is not whether you are religious, but **which covenant you believe** when you pray for healing, provision, and peace.

- **Seed** — Christ, whom Abraham trusted before Calvary.
- **Promise** — new covenant given to sleeping Abraham, fulfilled at the cross.
- **Law** — added until the Seed; schoolmaster exposing need, not saving.
- **Restoration** — Christ ended the old; believers stand again under promise.
- **Daily posture** — wake resting in His obedience, seeing hope's vision, speaking faith's confession.
- **Continuous hearing** — return to galatians 3 until health, prosperity, and Spirit-supply feel normal.

When Israel chose blessing by their own obedience at Sinai, lifespan shortened, sickness increased, and sorrow became default — not because God changed, but because they switched covenants. In Christ you are invited back to the *I will* covenant where God's goodness leads to repentance and His obedience guarantees the blessing.

Paul's letter targets believers seduced by law-righteousness — performing to earn what the promise already gave freely. The five truths rebuild the foundation: Christ the Seed, promise before law, law as temporary tutor, schoolmaster leading to faith, inheritance by grace.

When animals were cut and God alone walked between them, Abraham slept — humanity's inability to covenant was built into the picture. At the cross, Father and Son kept covenant while we rest. Morning prayer becomes: *Lord, not my strength but*

Yours; not my intellect but Yours.

Job was perfect and upright yet relied on bulls and goats — temporary righteousness that could be withdrawn. Abraham believed the coming Redeemer and received everlasting righteousness. Justification is the action at the cross; righteous is your new noun, your identity holding every blessing.

The heaven exam demands one hundred per cent always. Answering only familiar questions still fails. Fear and worry break commandments; James says one failure fails all. Christ's obedience is the only perfect paper, credited to you in the new covenant.

Sarah laughed and denied it; Abraham leaned on flesh at times — yet righteousness rested on the promised Seed, not flawless performance. From Egypt to Sinai God showed goodness; after Israel chose performance-based blessing, the Ten Commandments arrived and death followed the covenant shift.

Nearly everyone knows *you shall not*; few quote Jeremiah's *I will*. Default thinking is old-covenant — prone to sickness and shortened years — until the mind renews to Christ's finished work. God always deals by covenant; choose the one cut with Himself.

The Takeaway

1. **Christ is the Seed** — Abraham's righteousness came by believing him, not by works
2. **Promise precedes law** — the new covenant was given before Sinai and fulfilled at the cross
3. **Live by faith** — hope sees the future; faith speaks and builds today
4. **Law exposes; grace gives** — his obedience, not yours, is the ground of blessing
5. **God deals by covenant** — know which covenant you stand in every day

Scripture-based study on Galatians 3, the Seed, the covenant, and living by faith. If it strengthened you, share it with someone who needs this truth today.
