**3**You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! **2**The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? **3**Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? **4**Did you experience so much for nothing?—if it really was for nothing. **5**Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

**6**Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” **7**so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. **8**And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you.” **9**For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed.

**10**For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law.” **11**Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law; for “The one who is righteous will live by faith.” **12**But the law does not rest on faith; on the contrary, “Whoever does the works of the law will live by them.” **13**Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”— **14**in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

**15**Brothers and sisters, I give an example from daily life: once a person’s will has been ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it. **16**Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, “And to offsprings,” as of many; but it says, “And to your offspring,” that is, to one person, who is Christ. **17**My point is this: the law, which came four hundred thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. **18**For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise; but God granted it to Abraham through the promise.

**19**Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator. **20**Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one.

**21**Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. **22**But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

**23**Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. **24**Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. **25**But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, **26**for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. **27**As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. **28**There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. **29**And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.