
THE RIGHTEOUS
SHALL LIVE BY
FAITH

Galatians 3.1-14

BOOK THEME

Justification by Faith Alone

BOOK KEY VERSE

GALATIANS 2:16

nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.

Outline of Galatians

1-2

PERSONAL

Justification
by Faith
Defended

3-4

DOCTRINAL

Justification
by Faith
Explained

5-6

PRATICAL

Justification
by Faith
Applied

LESSON KEY VERSE

GALATIANS 3:11

Now that no one is justified by the
Law before God is evident; for,
“THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL
LIVE BY FAITH.”

LESSON THEME

Righteousness for each believer comes only through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ alone and never comes by keeping the Law or any other religious acts.

Pronouns of Galatians 1–3

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Paul – 43

Galatians – 12

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Paul – 42

Galatians – 3

3

Paul – 10

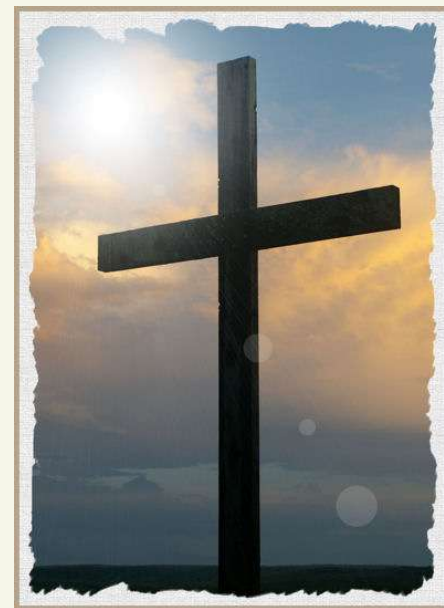
Galatians – 16

Outline of Galatians 3.1-14

I. The Sufficiency of Faith (1-5)

II. The Example of Faith (6-9)

III. The Curse of the Law (10-14)



The Flow of Paul's Argument

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. I do not nullify the grace of God for *if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.*



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Questions

1. Didn't you receive Jesus' work on the cross by faith?

The Galatians hadn't seen Jesus' crucifixion. So it's not the crucifixion itself which they'd seen. It's the public exhibition thereof which they'd seen in Paul's preaching. We might therefore expect him to have referenced the Galatians' hearing rather than seeing. But spells were often cast with a supposedly evil eye. So Paul makes the point that seeing the exhibition with their own eyes should have immunized the Galatians against bewitchment with someone else's evil eye. – Gundry



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Questions

1. Didn't you receive Jesus' work on the cross by faith?
2. Didn't you receive the Holy Spirit by faith?
3. Do you really think you can continue in the Christian life apart from faith?
4. How can you consider leaving the faith when it cost you so much to respond in the first place?
5. Haven't you seen the power of the Spirit work in the church?

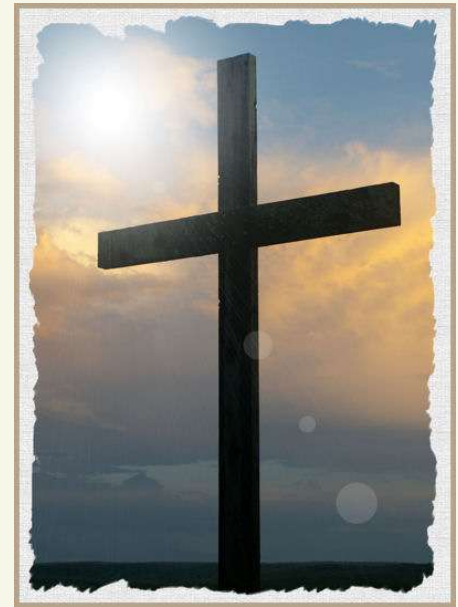
**What's
wrong
with you
people?**



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❖ The Source of Abraham's Righteousness (6)

[Abram]

in the character
and truthfulness

Then he believed in the LORD;

and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

[the LORD]

[Abram]

quality of being
in accordance
with God's law

[Genesis 22] was “a test of the genuineness of his faith, a validation of the authenticity of his faith. His good works were authenticating the validity of his faith – a faith exercised 30 years earlier [in Genesis 15]. Abraham was not being forensically justified in Genesis 22, nor being declared righteous by God here. That legal declaration occurred three decades earlier in Genesis 15. In Genesis 22, Abraham’s faith is being justified. That is, his faith is being *validated* as a true, living, saving faith through this test of obedience. – Root & Fruit

II. The Example of Faith

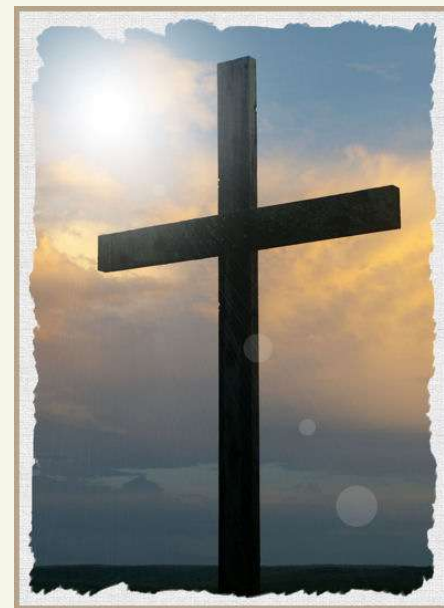
- ❖ The Source of Abraham's Righteousness (6)
- ❖ The Identity of Abraham's Sons (7)
- ❖ The Source of Abraham's Faith (8)
- ❖ The Blessing for Abraham's Faithful Sons (9)

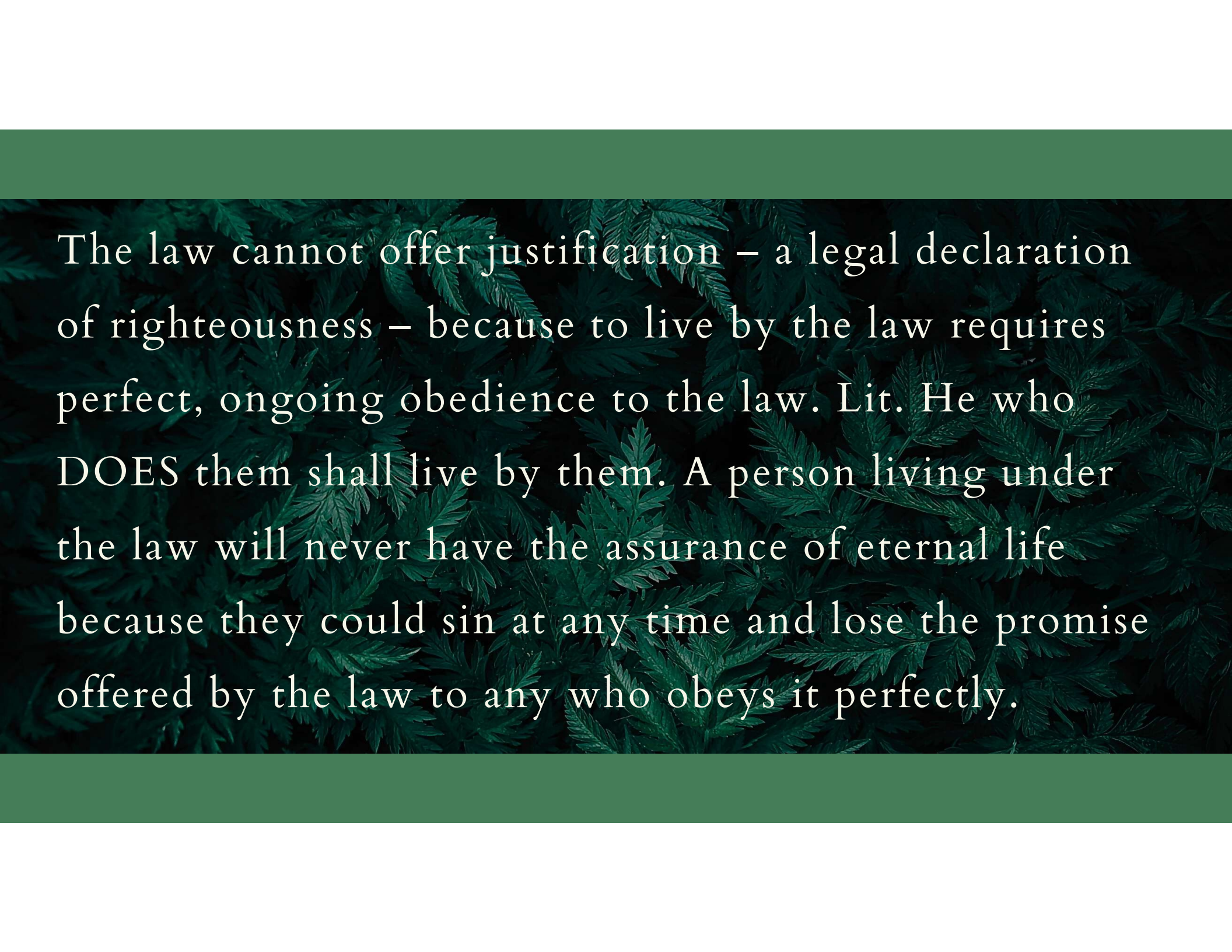
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The law cannot offer justification – a legal declaration of righteousness – because to live by the law requires perfect, ongoing obedience to the law. Lit. He who DOES them shall live by them. A person living under the law will never have the assurance of eternal life because they could sin at any time and lose the promise offered by the law to any who obeys it perfectly.

IT WAS FINISHED UPON THAT

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