




Faith: Trusting, Walking, Living*A Study in Ruth and Galatians***Galatians 3:10–14****Read Galatians 3:10–14.**

1. The Galatians were being misled into trying to earn salvation by observing the law. What shocking new fact do we learn about the law in verse 10a?
2. The law-keeping way to get saved has no wiggle-room. What is the only way you could make it work for you? (v. 10b)
3. The law is good (Rom. 7:12). So then, why is everyone who tries to use it as a way of salvation under a curse? (Deut. 27:26; * Jas. 2:10)
4. Why isn't anybody ever able, as a matter of fact, to do that? (Rom. 7:14)
5. What percentage of salvation-by-law attempters succeed in being "justified" (i.e., made righteous in God's eyes) by that method? (v. 11)
6. Because the law makes demands that no one can keep perfectly (or even imperfectly!), what way of salvation has God graciously provided? (v. 11b)
7. The principle of law says: obey perfectly and absolutely in every detail, and you will be saved. What does the principle of faith say (in your own words)? (Acts 16:30–31; Rom. 3:21–24)
8. Paul writes, "The righteous shall live by faith" (v. 11). He does not put it: "The righteous shall be *converted* by faith," or "The righteous shall *initially enter* the kingdom by faith," though these are also true. Is faith only our entrance ticket, or is it a way of life? (v. 11b; 3:3, 5; John 6:29)

*The  symbol indicates verses for further study.

9. Law-breakers are all under a curse. The breaking of the law demands justice. What happened to an ancient Israelite who came under the curse of the law? (v. 13; Deut. 21:22–23)
10. What was the only way for Jesus to redeem us from the curse? (v. 13; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:24; * Psalm 22:1)
11. Why is our deliverance from the curse of the law a complete deliverance? (v. 13; Heb. 10:10–14)
12. By Christ’s becoming a curse for us, and satisfying the demands of the law, we are able to receive “the blessing given to Abraham” (v. 14), which Paul goes on to specify as the promised Spirit. Read these promises of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament: Ezekiel 36:25–28 and Joel 2:28–29.
13. What kinds of blessings do we receive from the Holy Spirit? Take pen and paper and Ephesians chapter one, and jot down as many as you can find.
14. The promised Spirit was poured out after Jesus returned to the Father (Acts 2).
How do we first receive him individually? (3:2b; Ephesians 1:13)
- How is he continuously supplied? (3:5)
15. “The righteous shall live by faith” is a quote from Habakkuk 2:4, where the Hebrew word for “live” (*chaya*) is rich with meaning—“to live, to stay alive, to be preserved, to flourish, to enjoy life, to live in happiness, to breathe, be animated, recover health, live continually” ¹. Choose one of those facets and tell another person how God has given you life.

1 New Spirit-Filled Life Bible NKJV. (Publisher: Thomas Nelson), p.1226.