Galatians 3:1-11

¹ You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?² This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?³ Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?⁴ Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?⁵ Does He then, who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?⁶ Even so Abraham believed God. and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.⁷ Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the aospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "All the nations shall be blessed in you." ⁹ So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.¹⁰ For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them."

Galatians Study Questions

- 1. What is Paul indirectly accusing the false teachers of doing to the Galatians? (3:1)
- 2. Why might Paul bring up the crucifixion here?
- 3. Is Paul implying that the Galatian Christians were present at the crucifixion? If not, what is he saying?
- 4. Paul asks four rhetorical questions in these verses. What crucial point is he trying to get the Galatians to understand by asking these questions? (3:2-5)
- 5. What was reckoned to Abraham as righteousness?
- 6. Who are "sons of Abraham"?
- 7. What did the scripture forsee?
- 8. How is it that God "preached the gospel" to Abraham?
- 9. What are those who are of the "works of the Law" under?
- 10. What is the curse they are under?