# NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

# Lesson 30

# Galatians – Part Three Exploring The Options

# The choice is either "Faith" or "Law" - "Trusting" or "Trying."

### A. The Galatians' own experience (3:1-5)

- 1. Bewitched and bewildered (v. 1).
- 2. You began by trusting and end the same way (v. 2-3).
- 3. Was your suffering for nothing? (v. 4)
- 4. You receive the Spirit and power by trusting (v. 5).

#### B. Abraham's example (3:6-9)

- 1. The principle: Genesis 15:6 (v. 6).
- 2. The application (v. 7).
- 3. The scope (v. 8).
- 4. The result (v. 9).

#### C. The curse of the Law (3:10-14)

- 1. The principle: Deuteronomy 27:26 (v. 10).
- 2. The application: Habakkuk 2:4 (v. 11).
- 3. The contrast: Leviticus 18:5 (v. 12).
- 4. The rescue: Deuteronomy 21:23 (v. 13).
- 5. The result (v. 14).

#### D. The priority of God's promise (3:15-18)

- 1. An established covenant is dependable (v. 15).
- 2. God's promise/covenant was to Abraham and to Christ (v. 16).
- 3. The Law 430 years later did not annul God's promise (v. 17-18).

## E. The purpose of the Law (3:19-25)

- 1. The Law was temporary and preparatory (v. 19).
- 2. The Law was a two-way arrangement; promise is one-way (v. 20).
- 3. The Law was not a bad law or against God's promise (v. 21).
- 4. The Law protected, prepared and pointed to Christ (v. 22-25).

## F. You are sons and not slaves (3:26-4:11)

- 1. Your status "in Christ" by faith (3:26-29).
- 2. Emancipated heirs with full rights (4:1-7).
- 3. Do not return to slavery (4:8-11).

## G. Appeal to maintain freedom (4:12-20)

- 1. Paul's own heart (v. 12-16).
- 2. His opponents' intent (v. 17-20).

## H. Allegory of Sarah and Hagar (4:21-5:1)

- 1. Two actual mothers and two sons (v. 21-23).
- 2. These represent two covenants/arrangements (v. 24-27).
- 3. Apply this to yourselves (v. 28).
- 4. Therefore stand free! (5:1).