

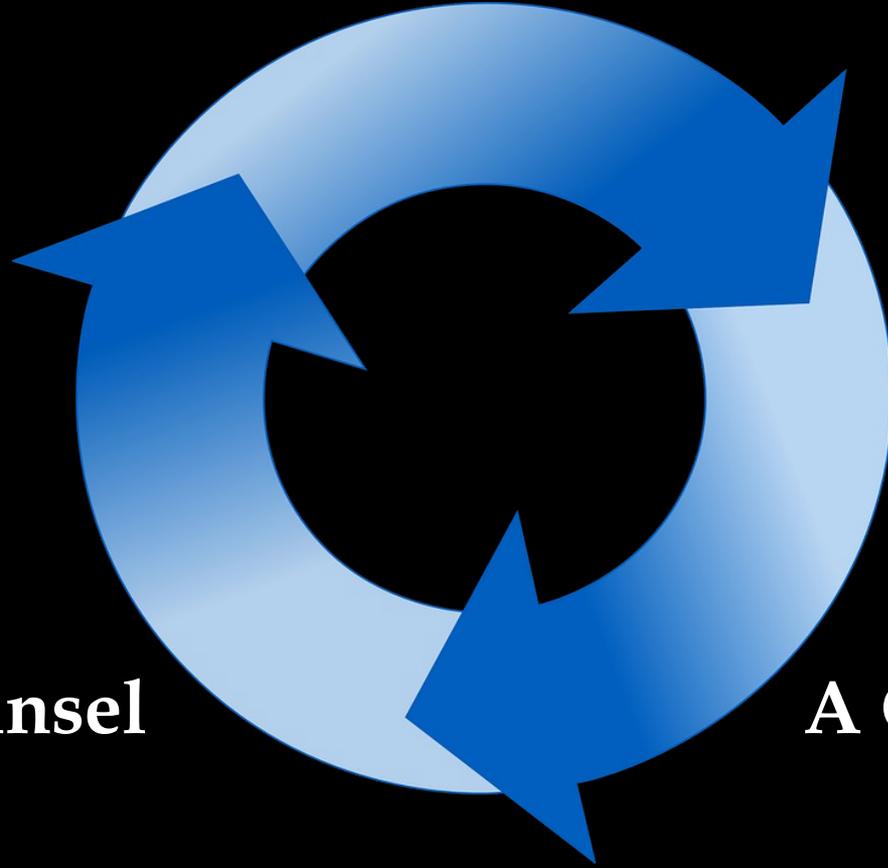


# The Gospel in Galatians

## *7 Gospel Realities:*

- Delivered by Christ (1:3–5)**
- Justified in Christ (2:15–16)**
- Crucified with Christ (2:19–20)**
- Baptized into Christ (3:27–29)**
- Adopted in Christ (4:4–7)**
- Conformed to Christ (4:19)**
- Indebted to Christ (5:24)**

**The Text**



**Pastoral Counsel**

**A Gospel Reality**

# The Text



**(1) The authority of his ministry**

**(2) The accuracy of his message**

**Salutation (1:1–5)**

**Caution (1:6–10)**

**The Gospel “Revealed” (1:11–2:14)**

**The Gospel “Explained” (2:15–21)**

**The Gospel “Defended” (3:1–5:12)**

**The Gospel “Applied” (5:13–6:10)**

**Caution (6:11–17)**

**Benediction (6:18)**

# The Gospel “Defended” (3:1–5:12)

- 1. Argument from Experience (3:1–5).** *“Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?” (v. 3)*
- 2. Argument from Scripture (3:6–4:7).** *“Is the law then contrary to the promise of God?” (v. 21)*
- 3. Argument from Experience (4:8–20).** *“What then has become of the blessing you felt?” (v. 15)*
- 4. Argument from Scripture (4:21–31).** *“Do you not listen to the law?” (v. 21)*
- 5. Appeal (5:1–12).**

**“And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise” (3:29).**

**In this single phrase, Paul sums up his  
chief point in the third chapter.**

**(1) Christ is Abraham's offspring.**

**(2) Therefore, Christ obtains everything  
that God promised to Abraham.**

**(3) We're baptized into Christ, meaning we're one with Him through faith.**

**(4) Therefore, we're Abraham's  
offspring in Christ.**

**(5) Therefore, we're heirs of everything  
that God promised to Abraham.**

**A Gospel Reality:**

**“Baptized into  
Christ” (3:27-29)**



**“For in [*en*] one Spirit we were all  
baptized into [*eis*] one body – Jews or  
Greeks, slaves or free – and all were  
made to drink of one Spirit”  
(1 Cor. 12:13).**

Christ is the *agent* by which  
the baptism occurs.

The Holy Spirit is the *element* in which  
the baptism occurs.

Identity in “one body” is the *purpose* for  
which the baptism occurs.

**Implication #1:  
We “have put on Christ” (v. 27)**

**Implication #2:  
We “are all one in Christ” (v. 28)**

### **Implication #3:**

**We “are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise” (v. 28)**

**(1) Christ is Abraham's offspring.  
Therefore, Christ obtains everything that God  
promised to Abraham.**

**(2) We're baptized into Christ.  
Therefore, we're Abraham's offspring.  
Therefore, we're heirs of everything that God  
promised to Abraham.**

# Pastoral Counsel



**Implication #1:  
We “have put on Christ” (v. 27)**

**How do we see ourselves?**

**Two possibilities**

**-1-**

**Our chief identity is determined by  
something about us**

-2-

**Our chief identity is determined by  
who we are in Christ**

**Implication #2:  
We “are all one in Christ” (v. 28)**

**We're to welcome all within the body  
(Rom. 14:1-3)**

**We're to contribute to the growth of the  
body (Eph. 4:15-16)**

**We're to preserve the unity of the body  
(Eph. 4:3)**

**Conflict is an opportunity to  
reflect our new life in Christ.**

**We're called to ...**

## **(1) Overlook offenses**

**“Good sense makes one slow to anger,  
and it is his glory to overlook an  
offense” (Prov. 19:11).**

## **(2) Cover offenses**

**“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins” (1 Peter 4:8).**

**(3) Assume the best when it comes to others' motives**

**“Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things” (1 Cor. 13:7).**

## **(4) Guard our words**

**“Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person” (Col. 4:6).**

## **(5) Exemplify kindness**

**“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted”  
(Eph. 4:32).**

## **(6) Cultivate humility**

**“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Phil. 2:4).**

## **(7) Control anger**

**“Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God” (Jas. 1:19–20).**

## **(8) Avoid criticism**

**“Do not speak evil against one another,  
brothers” (Jas. 4:11).**

## **(9) Desire peace**

**“So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding”  
(Rom. 14:19).**

## **(10) Pursue forgiveness**

**“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you” (Eph. 4:32).**

### **Implication #3:**

**We “are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise” (v. 28)**

**“All things are yours ... the world or life or death or the present or the future – all are yours, and you are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s” (1 Cor. 3:21–23).**

**The world is ours**

**Life is ours**

**Death is ours**

**The present is ours**

**The future is ours**

**We might be rich or poor, sick or healthy. We might be having a good day or a bad day. We might be feeling great or feeling terrible.**

**There's no change in our relationship to God.**

**“I will be their God, and they shall be my people” (Jer. 31:33).**

