

**Message #9: “I’m Not OK, You’re Not OK,
But That’s OK, Because Jesus Is OK”
Galatians 3:15-29 (page 1076)**

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*“IT AIN'T THOSE PARTS OF THE
BIBLE THAT I CAN'T
UNDERSTAND THAT BOTHER ME,
IT IS THE PARTS THAT I DO
UNDERSTAND.”*

MARK TWAIN

GALATIANS 3:15-16

TO GIVE A HUMAN EXAMPLE, BROTHERS: EVEN WITH A MAN-MADE COVENANT, NO ONE ANNULS IT OR ADDS TO IT ONCE IT HAS BEEN RATIFIED. 16 NOW THE PROMISES WERE MADE TO ABRAHAM AND TO HIS OFFSPRING. IT DOES NOT SAY, “AND TO OFFSPRINGS,” REFERRING TO MANY, BUT REFERRING TO ONE, “AND TO YOUR OFFSPRING,” WHO IS CHRIST.

1) God keeps his promises
(no hidden clauses and no small print)

GALATIANS 3:17-18

17 THIS IS WHAT I MEAN: THE LAW, WHICH CAME 430 YEARS AFTERWARD, DOES NOT ANNUL A COVENANT PREVIOUSLY RATIFIED BY GOD, SO AS TO MAKE THE PROMISE VOID. 18 FOR IF THE INHERITANCE COMES BY THE LAW, IT NO LONGER COMES BY PROMISE; BUT GOD GAVE IT TO ABRAHAM BY A PROMISE.

1) **God keeps his promises** (no hidden clause)

2) **God's promises – Believe to Receive**

- **Galatians 3:6-7 (NLT2)**

In the same way, “Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous *because* of his faith.” The real children of Abraham, then, are those who put their faith in God.

- **Hebrews 11:6 (NLT2)**

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

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GALATIANS 3:19

(NLT2)

19 WHY, THEN, WAS THE LAW GIVEN? IT WAS GIVEN ALONGSIDE THE PROMISE TO SHOW PEOPLE THEIR SINS. BUT THE LAW WAS DESIGNED TO LAST ONLY UNTIL THE COMING OF THE CHILD WHO WAS PROMISED. GOD GAVE HIS LAW THROUGH ANGELS TO MOSES, WHO WAS THE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND THE PEOPLE.

- 1) God keeps his promises** (no hidden clause)
- 2) God's promises —** (Believe to Receive)
- 3) Diagnosis completed** (bad news or is it?)

GALATIANS 3:21-22

(NLT2) 21 IS THERE A CONFLICT, THEN, BETWEEN GOD'S LAW AND GOD'S PROMISES? ABSOLUTELY NOT! IF THE LAW COULD GIVE US NEW LIFE, WE COULD BE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD BY OBEYING IT.

22 BUT THE SCRIPTURES DECLARE THAT WE ARE ALL PRISONERS OF SIN, SO WE RECEIVE GOD'S PROMISE OF FREEDOM ONLY BY BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST.

- 1) God keeps his promises** (no hidden clause)
- 2) God's promises —** (Believe to Receive)
- 3) Diagnosis completed** (bad news or is it?)
- 4) If the law could save, then Christ died for nothing**

Galatians 2:21 (NLT2)

I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die.

GALATIANS 3:23-25 (NLT)

23 BEFORE THE WAY OF FAITH IN CHRIST WAS AVAILABLE TO US, WE WERE PLACED UNDER GUARD BY THE LAW. WE WERE KEPT IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY, SO TO SPEAK, UNTIL THE WAY OF FAITH WAS REVEALED.

24 LET ME PUT IT ANOTHER WAY. THE LAW WAS OUR GUARDIAN UNTIL CHRIST CAME; IT PROTECTED US UNTIL WE COULD BE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD THROUGH FAITH.

25 AND NOW THAT THE WAY OF FAITH HAS COME, WE NO LONGER NEED THE LAW AS OUR GUARDIAN.

- 1) **God keeps his promises** (no hidden clause)
- 2) **God's promises —** (Believe to Receive)
- 3) **Diagnosis completed** (bad news or is it?)
- 4) **If the law could save, then Christ died for nothing**
- 5) **Obey out of gratitude not fearful compliance**

GALATIANS 3:26-29 (NLT)

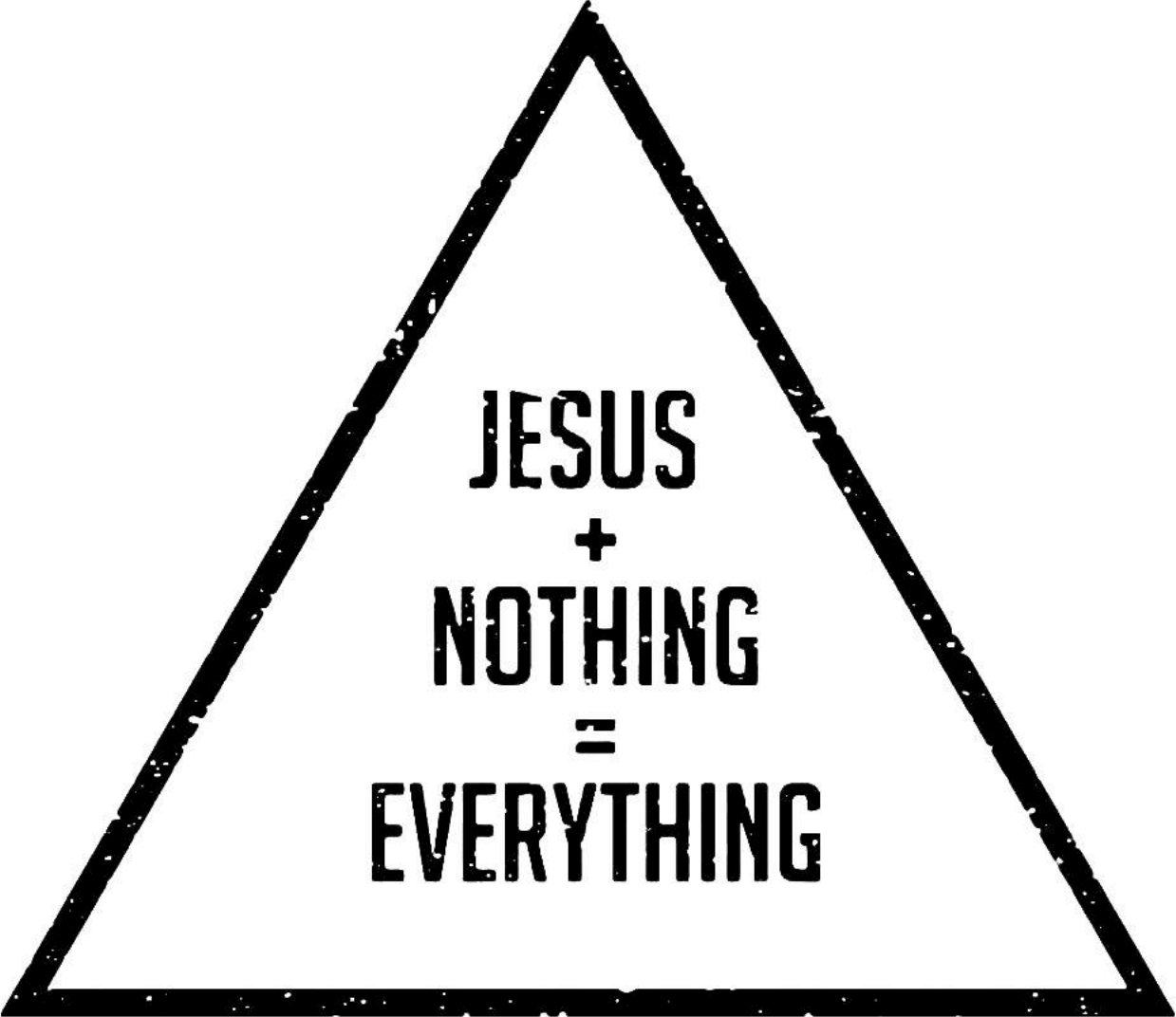
26 FOR YOU ARE ALL CHILDREN OF GOD THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS.

27 AND ALL WHO HAVE BEEN UNITED WITH CHRIST IN BAPTISM HAVE PUT ON THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST, LIKE PUTTING ON NEW CLOTHES.

28 THERE IS NO LONGER JEW OR GENTILE, SLAVE OR FREE, MALE AND FEMALE. FOR YOU ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS.

29 AND NOW THAT YOU BELONG TO CHRIST, YOU ARE THE TRUE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM. YOU ARE HIS HEIRS, AND GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM BELONGS TO YOU.

- 1) God keeps his promises (no hidden clause)**
- 2) God's promises – (Believe to Receive)**
- 3) Diagnosis completed (bad news or is it?)**
- 4) If the law could save, then Christ died for nothing**
- 5) Obey out of gratitude not fearful compliance**
- 6) Unity in diversity – Co-heirs with Christ**



**JESUS
+
NOTHING
=
EVERYTHING**