

# sermon notes

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October 23, 2024 | “Reverse the Curse” | **Galatians 3:10–18**

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- 1) The curse is \_\_\_\_\_ through justification by faith (3:10–11)
  
- 2) The cursed are \_\_\_\_\_ through the substitution of Christ (3:12–14)
  
- 3) The promise is \_\_\_\_\_ through the incarnation of Christ (3:15–18)

## Questions for further application of God’s Word:

### GO DEEPER

Read Galatians 3:10–14. How did Jesus reverse the curse of sin? Are we still under a curse? If so, why? Can we overcome our “cursed” state by good works? Can we overcome it by faith?

Read Galatians 3:15–18. Sequentially which came first, the promise to Abraham or the Law of Moses? Why is that important to Paul’s argument in 3:15–18? Why does Paul keep referencing Abraham in his arguments?

### GET PERSONAL

According to Galatians 3:10–18, what has Christ done to provide salvation for you? Have you contemplated the depth of Christ’s sacrifice (humiliation!) on your behalf before? How should these theological truths impact our daily lives? How should they impact our worship throughout the week? What about our worship on Sundays at church?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Define the theological term “substitutionary atonement” in your own words. Is this a core Christian doctrine? Can we get saved apart from Christ’s atonement? See the following essay by Thomas Schreiner to help you with these questions:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/essay/substitutionary-atonement/>

Define the theological term “incarnation of Christ” in your own words. Is this a core Christian doctrine? How does incarnation relate to substitutionary atonement?

Define the theological term “justification” in your own words. How does justification relate to incarnation and substitutionary atonement?

### ADVANCED QUESTION

How many OT passages are referenced in Galatians 3:10–18? Why does Paul use so many OT passages in his arguments? Wouldn’t his opponents be using OT passages as well to argue their points? How are Paul’s arguments different?