



## Introduction

*By baptism, we are included in the promises made to Abraham.*



## Questions

1. How did the Scriptures foresee that God would justify the Gentiles?
2. How has Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law?
3. What is the significance of baptism into Christ?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 9** Paul is surprised that the Galatians want to go back to keeping the law. He reminds them that all people, not just Jews, can be counted righteous (right with God). This is because of their faith in God's promise to Abraham that all nations will be blessed in him
- **v 10 to 12** The law ultimately brought a curse, not a blessing, as none could keep it
- **v 13 and 14** But for those whose faith is in Christ there is a blessing, not a curse
- **15 to 18** God's promises to Abraham were first of all for himself and then for one special descendant, Jesus Christ. The promises were not negated when God gave Israel his law
- **v 19 to 24** The law of Moses helped people to see their own sinfulness, and therefore understand their need for Jesus Christ
- **v 25 to 29** By being baptised (see theme) we put on Christ, so that all people, of whatever race, rank or gender can become children of God by faith, and inherit God's promises

**Timeline** AD 60 (see below)



## Theme

### Baptism - its meaning

*A selection of verses showing what the Bible tells us about baptism.*

The apostle Peter said that baptism enables us to have our sins forgiven:

*Acts 2 verse 38*

Our baptism into Christ is a symbolic death and resurrection:

*Romans 6 verses 3 to 6*

By being baptised we become involved in the promises made to Abraham:

*Galatians 3 verses 27 to 29*

By being baptized and associating ourselves with Christ's death and resurrection, we can have our sins forgiven:

*Colossians 2 verses 12 and 13*

Baptism enables us to be saved because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It isn't a physical wash, but a clean conscience responding to God:

*1 Peter 3 verse 21*



## ? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions

Q 1: v 8 and 9, Q 2: v 13 and 14, Q 3: v 27 to 29

## Bible timeline

