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## Abraham's Example

Galatians 3:6-18 (pew Bible p. 1155)

Abraham Believed

<sup>6</sup> just as Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"?

<sup>7</sup> Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. <sup>8</sup> And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." <sup>9</sup> So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Limitations of the LAW

<sup>10</sup> For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." <sup>11</sup> Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." <sup>12</sup> But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them."

Blessing or Curse?

<sup>13</sup> Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us — for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree" — <sup>14</sup> so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham

might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

<sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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.

Promise

<sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

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THE LIMITATIONS OF (vv·10-12)	
THE EXCHANGE OF (vv·13-16)	FOR
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HIGHLIGHT IDEA

God has, is and always will be favorable toward faith.