## The Blessing of the Nations through Abraham's Seed

1. What part of the Abrahamic covenant is in view in Galatians?

Galatians 3:8,14

2. Can it be changed or canceled? Galatians 3:15-16

3. Who receives it? Galatians 3:16

a. Abraham

b. Jesus

All those who are in Christ Jesus

Galatians 3:29

4. Who establishes, brings about the Abrahamic covenant?

a. Promise of descendents, and land for them

Genesis 15:6-10,17

Galatians 3:20

b. Promise of the blessing of the nations 

John 1:29

John 3:16

I Timothy 2:15

5. Is the promise now based on the Mosaic Law? Galatians 3:17,18

6. What was the purpose of the Mosaic Law? Galatians 3:19

7. Who was the mediator of the Mosaic Law Galatians 3:20

a. Who?

b. Why was he needed?

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As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God.

I Peter 4:10

<u>Praise Team</u> - Those who have a passion and skill to lead others to a closer, more intimate time of praising God through song.

Ephesians 5:19

- Music Team
- Audio and Visual Team

<u>The Fellowship Team</u> - Those who have a passion for preparing and serving food as a blessing to others and an instrument of fellowship.

Acts 2:42

## \*\*\* The covenant is unconditional / unilateral

- 1. The covenant made between Abraham and God has not changed.
  - a. Even among men, a confirmed covenant is considered irrevocable
  - b. It was an unconditional covenant...not relying on both parties keeping their part, but instead only on God following through with His promise.
    - i. The promise was given because of the faith of Abraham....this faith would not waiver and it would produce obedience in him.
    - ii. Years later, circumcision was a sign of being under the covenant of God

It seems as if the Mosaic Covenant is a contract between the nation of Israel and God Himself. There are conditions that must be met for the nation to continue to be blessed. However, the promises that the people received as a whole through God's promise to Abraham continue forward, even if there are times in history that it is not specifically being fulfilled.....we saw this multiple times in the Bible as well as most of the past thousands of years.

The Mosaic covenant was never a covenant for salvation????????

God himself was the mediator between Abraham and HImself because it was an unconditional covenant, only relying on God's faithfulness.

Abraham's part in the covenant was faith. The circumcision was an outward sign of faith that was already there.

Genesis 12:1-3 Abram receives the promises of God

Genesis 15:1-4 The promises of God are repeated to Abram after Abram wonders if how this will be. At this point, Abram fully trusts God in faith and is declared righteous

Genesis 15:9-18 God, the presence of God, walks through the sacrifices....He and He alone is pledging to keep this covenant. This is an unconditional covenant

Galatians 3:16 These promises were made to Abraham These promises were made to Jesus

Those who are in Christ Jesus, are those who receive the promise, which is

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- 2. If the law didn't change the covenant, what's its purpose?

The promises were made to Abraham and to Jesus. ??????

- We receive the promise, specifically salvation because of its promise to Jesus.....He receives it. If we are in Him, then we receive the promise as well.

Without Christ, there is nothing for us to trust in for our salvation, because there is nothing else that God would accept.

The curse of the law is death, complete separation from God the Father

8. How long will the covenant last? I Chronicles 16:14-17