

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

2-3-19 Ken Carlton

Title: ACCORDING TO PROMISE

Main Text: Galatians 3:15-29

Aim: TO BEHOLD THE POWER OF GOD CONSIDERING HIS PROMISES AND THEIR FULFILLMENT

Sermon Description: The central purpose for Paul's letter to the Galatians resurfaces with each argument he deploys. The church had begun to entertain the idea that salvation was not exclusively secured by grace through faith in Christ alone. Paul writes emphatically, persuasively, and authoritatively to dispel this idea. The apostle is aware that if such a notion is tolerated to any degree within the confessing church, this heresy would soon spread like cancer and threaten to corrupt the greater Body of Christ and the whole of christian doctrine. This emphatic mission of Paul to set the church straight, while there was still influence and opportunity to do so, gives rise to central proclamations of Gospel truth throughout the book. Our text today is preceded by one of these in verses 13&14. The verses which follow serve to proclaim and explain the legal documentation and its precise terms throughout scripture which set the parameters for the gospel. In this way Paul provides an expert witness for covenant theology. He details the specifics of God's covenant relationship with His people through the course of redemptive history. As Paul writes to the Galatians, he provides detailed analysis of the covenant specifics grounding the Gospel from the first sermons preached in Acts by apostles who preceded him. Note Peter's sermon and closing appeal (Acts 3:18-20, 25-26)...

Heading: ...ANALYZING THE CONTRACTUAL DOCUMENTATION OF THE GOSPEL...

1. COVENANT SPECIFICITY (Gal 3:15-18)

- a. Ratification weight (Heb 6:13-16)
- b. Singular seed (Gen 22:15-18)
- c. Promise vs. Law

2. COVENANT STABILITY (Gal 3:19-24)

- a. Law as provisional
- b. Intermediary implications
- c. Law as guardian

3. COVENANT REALITY (Gal 3:25-29)

- a. Sons of God
- b. Baptism & clothing
- c. Offspring & heirs (Gal 3:13&14)

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Specificity	Stability	Reality	Ratification	Promise	Next week
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Gal 3:15-18	19-24	25-29	Heb 6:13-16	Gen 22:15-18	Ps 89:1-18

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: *Psalm 89:1-18*