

The Holy Ghost
Lesson 4
Who is the True Seed of Abraham

In this lesson we will see by the scriptures who the true seed of Abraham is, and how you can become part of this seed. I will begin this lesson with the promise that God made unto Abraham and then explain how this seed was fulfilled in Christ. I will then bring forth the scriptures so that you can see it for yourself.

Let's begin with the Promise that God made to Abraham.

Genesis 15:1-6

- 1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.
- 2 And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?
- 3 And Abram said, Behold, **to me thou hast given no seed:** and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.
- 4 And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; **but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.**
- 5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, **So shall thy seed be.**
- 6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

God promised Abraham that his seed will be as the stars of Heaven. Notice, that Abraham believed the LORD; and God counted it unto him for righteousness.

This is very important in understanding who the **true seed** of Abraham is. For Abraham is the Father of all of them **who believe;** that righteousness might be imputed unto all who believe. For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, **but through the righteousness of faith.**

This promise that God made unto Abraham was fulfilled by Christ Jesus, that we Gentiles might receive this promise of Abraham, **the Spirit of Christ, through faith.** For through Christ we both, Jew and Gentile, have access by **one Spirit**

unto the Father. Know therefore that **they which are of faith**, the same are the children of Abraham. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Do you hear how important it is to have the **Spirit of Christ, the Holy Ghost?** It is absolutely essential because **it is how we become the true seed of Abraham.** It is **through our faith and obedience** that we receive the Spirit of Christ, for as many as are led by the Spirit of God, **they are the sons of God.** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; **but ye have received the Spirit of adoption**, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The **Spirit itself beareth witness** with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we **suffer with him**, that we may be also glorified together.

Let's hear the Apostle Paul as he explains this to us.

Ephesians 2:11-22 [Brackets added by me.]

11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision [Jews] in the flesh made by hands;

12 That at that time ye were **without Christ**, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, **and strangers from the covenants of promise**, having no hope, and **without God** in the world:

13 **But now in Christ Jesus** ye who sometimes were far off [Gentiles] are made nigh **by the blood of Christ.**

14 For he [Jesus] is our peace, **who hath made both one**, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; [Jew and Gentile]

15 Having abolished in his [Jesus] flesh the enmity, **even the law of commandments contained in ordinances**; [the Mosaic Law] for to make in himself of twain [two] **one new man**, so making peace;

16 And that he [Jesus] might reconcile both [Jew and Gentile] unto God in one body [the Body of Christ] **by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:**

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, [Gentiles] and to them that were nigh. [Jew]

18 For through him [Jesus] **we both** [Jew and Gentile] **have access by one Spirit** [the Holy Ghost] **unto the Father.**

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, **but fellowcitizens with the saints**, and of the household of God;

20 And are **built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ

himself being the chief corner stone;

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together **groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:**

22 In whom ye also are builded together **for an habitation of God through the Spirit.**

Did you hear that? We are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets! We are a holy temple in the Lord! We are built together for a habitation of God through the Spirit!

The Apostles taught us in Acts 2:38 to, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and that ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

It is essential for you to understand that **we must partake of Acts 2:38**. For this is the plan of Salvation. Not only so, but in order to have access into the Body of Christ, you must have **the Spirit of Christ**. If you have not the Spirit of Christ you are none of His.

1 Corinthians 12:13-14

13 For by one Spirit are **we all baptized into one body**, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink **into one Spirit.**

14 For the body is not one member, but many.

It is through the receiving of the Holy Ghost evidenced by the speaking with other tongues, as the Spirit gives the utterance, that we become members of the Body of Christ.

Romans 8:9-13 [Brackets added by me.]

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. **Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.**

10 And **if Christ be in you**, the body is dead because of sin; but **the Spirit is life because of righteousness.**

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies **by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.**

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For **if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do**

mortify [to kill] the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

You must not live after the flesh. For if you live after the flesh, you will die!!!

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

16 Know ye not **that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?**

17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

Again, we are the temple of the Living God!! And if any man defile this temple, God shall destroy him! We must have the Spirit of God! And we must not live after the flesh and the lusts thereof.

Pay careful attention to chapter 3 of Galatians where the Apostle Paul explains to us who the true seed of Abraham is.....

Special Note: The Apostle Paul is explaining that we are no longer living under the works of the Mosaic Law, but rather we are living unto justification of life through Christ Jesus who fulfilled the Law.

Galatians 3:1-29 [Brackets added by me.]

1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should **not obey the truth**, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

The question the Apostle Paul has asked the Galatians, is how did you receive the Holy Ghost? Did you receive it by the works of the Mosaic Law? Or did you receive the Holy Ghost by the hearing of faith? The answer to this is by the hearing of faith.

3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

The question the Apostle Paul has asked the Galatians is, after receiving the Holy Ghost by the hearing of faith, are you now made perfect by the works of the Mosaic Law? The answer is no.

4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain.

5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, **doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?**

Again, the Apostle Paul is asking the Galatians a question pertaining to how is the working of miracles by the Spirit taking place that they had witnessed, by the works of the Mosaic Law? Or by the hearing of faith? Again, the answer is by the hearing of faith.

6 Even as Abraham **believed God**, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

7 Know ye therefore that **they which are of faith**, the same are the children of Abraham.

Here the Apostle Paul has told us who the true seed of Abraham is. That being they which are of faith. These are the children of Abraham.

8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen [Gentiles] through faith, **preached before the gospel unto Abraham**, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

9 So then **they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.**

Again, the Apostle Paul has told us who the true seed of Abraham is. That being they which are of faith. These are the children of Abraham.

10 For as many as are of the works of the law **are under the curse**: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

11 But that **no man is justified by the law in the sight of God**, it is evident: for, **The just shall live by faith.**

12 And the law is not of faith: but, **The man that doeth them shall live in them.**

No man is justified by the Mosaic law!!! The Apostle Paul continues and tells us that the Mosaic law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

[**The Apostle James give further insight:** James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, **he is guilty of all.** 11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, **thou art become a transgressor of the law.**]

[continuing from Galatians 3]

13 Christ hath redeemed us from **the curse of the law**, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles **through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**

Here the Apostle Paul is explaining to the Galatians that Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the Mosaic Law, being made Himself a curse for us!!! So that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Remember from above in Ephesians chapter 2: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off [Gentiles] **are made nigh by the blood of Christ.** For he [Jesus] is our peace, who hath made **both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;** [Jew and Gentile] Having abolished in his [Jesus] flesh the enmity, **even the law of commandments** contained in ordinances; [the Mosaic Law] for to make in himself of twain [two] **one new man**, so making peace.

The Apostle Paul is teaching us and the Galatians that we are not underneath the curse of the Mosaic Law any longer, but rather that Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree. **For this reason Jesus Christ is the mediator of a better covenant!!!**

[continuing from Galatians 3]

15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.

16 Now **to Abraham and his seed** were the promises made. He **saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.**

Here the Apostle Paul has identified the seed of Abraham as Christ!!

17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, **cannot disannul**, that it should make the promise of none effect. [referring to the Mosaic Law]

18 For if the inheritance be of the law, **it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.**

Here the Apostle Paul is teaching the Galatians that the promise that God made to Abraham concerning his seed, that the Mosaic Law could not make it void. Otherwise it would no longer be a promise by God.

So the Apostle Paul then asks the Galatians.....

19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

20 Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, **but God is one.**

Now that the Apostle Paul has explained to the Galatians that the true seed of Abraham was Christ and they which are of faith, he then asks them why then are you serving the Mosaic Law. This being asked because he has just explained to them how **the Mosaic Law was fulfilled through Christ.**

21 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: **for if there had been a law** given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

22 But the scripture hath concluded **all under sin,** that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

23 **But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.**

24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Here the Apostle Paul has made it clear that we are no longer under the Mosaic Law.....

26 For ye are all the children of God **by faith in Christ Jesus.**

27 For as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ.

To be baptized into Christ, is to be baptized into His death! Baptism is essential to salvation. Please see the lesson, Understanding Water Baptism to further understand this topic.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for **ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**

29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

So the true seed of Abraham are they which are of faith, those that have been born of water and of the Spirit. These are the true seed of Abraham. So the question becomes, **are you one of the true seed of Abraham?**

To be part of the true seed of Abraham **you must partake of the plan of salvation as outlined in....**

Acts 2:38-39

38 Then Peter said unto them, *Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, **even as many as the Lord our God shall call.**