

# Message Notes

## Who's your daddy now?

# Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – *Daddy Issues*

### **This week's Message:**

*You think Abraham is your father?*

*Who's your daddy now?*

Galatians 3:6-9

#### **1. Consider Abraham = "I call as my next witness: Abraham"**

*Why Abraham?*

Galatians 3:6a

*What do Abraham do?*

Galatians 3:6b

*What did Abraham get?*

Galatians 3:6c

Genesis 15

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Galatians 3:7

#### **3. The Gospel according to Abraham**

Galatians 3:8

Genesis 12:1-3

Genesis 22:17-18

(see also Genesis 18:18 and 26:4)

#### **4. Second Big Conclusion of the Day – Those who have faith are blessed!**

Galatians 3:9

**Gospel Application** – *The benefits of being Abraham's kid*

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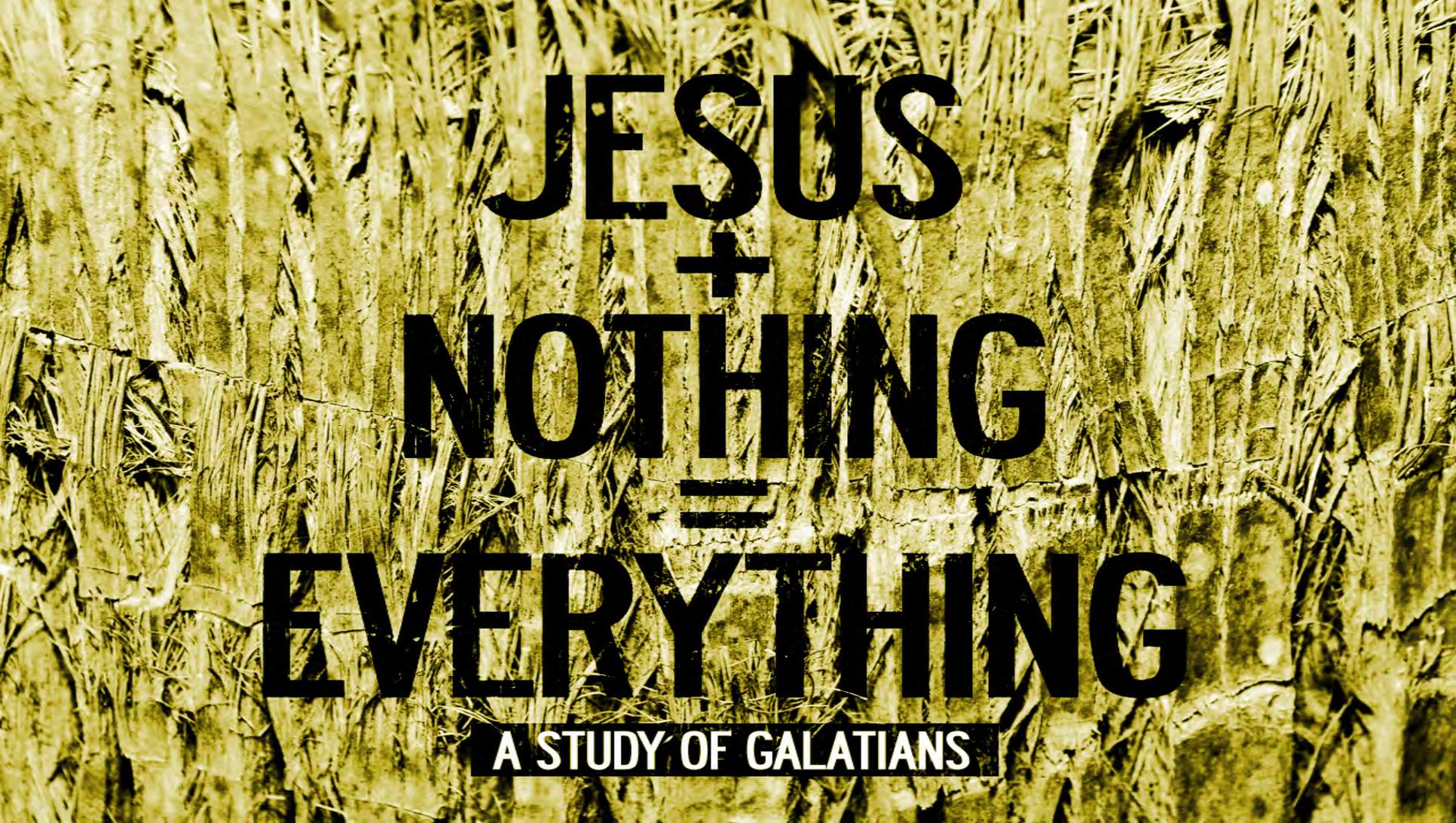
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**A STUDY OF GALATIANS**



# The very heart of the Gospel!

## Galatians 2:19

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so that I might live for God.

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<sup>20</sup>I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

For the year Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2008, or other tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20

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**Label**

(See instructions on page 14.)

**Use the IRS label.** Otherwise, please print or type.

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Checking a box may change your tax status.

**Presidential Election Campaign**

► Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to go to this fund (see page 14) ►  **You**

**Filing Status**

Check only one box.

- 1  Single
- 2  Married filing jointly (even if only one had income)
- 3  Married filing separately. Enter spouse's SSN above and full name here. ►
- 4  Head of household (with qualifying person) if the qualifying person is a child but not your dependent. Enter this child's name here. ►
- 5  Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child

**Exemptions**

- 6a  **Yourself.** If someone can claim you as a dependent, **do not** check box 6a . . . . .
- b  **Spouse** . . . . .

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ME-----LAW-----GOD

Filing Status:  
*Married*

ME & JESUS-----LAW-----GOD

**Filing Status:**  
*Married*

**ME & JESUS-----LAW-----GOD**

**Galatians 4:4-5**

<sup>4</sup>But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

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*Married*

ME & JESUS-----GRACE-----GOD

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Romans 6:1-4

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<sup>1</sup>What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup>By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup>Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

# 2 weeks ago: You Foolish Galatians!!

Galatians 3:1, 5

<sup>1</sup>You foolish Galatians! ...

<sup>5</sup>Does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you because you observe the law, or because you believe what you heard?

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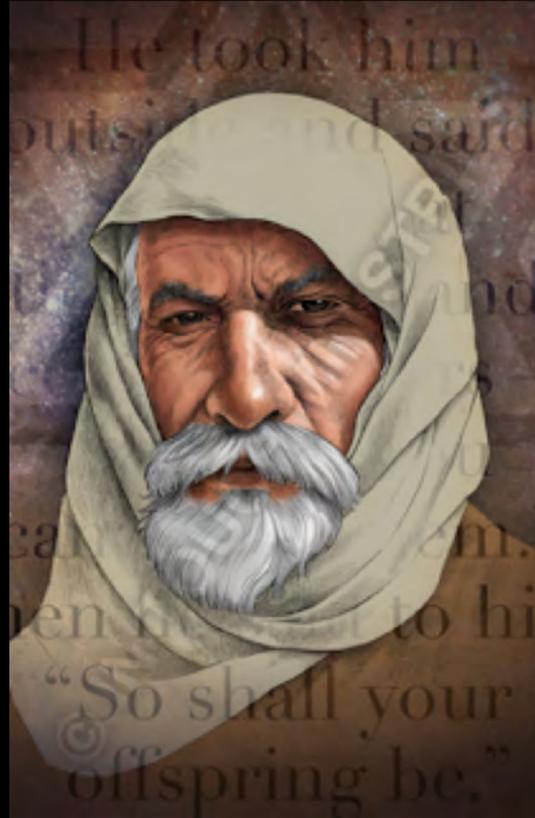
# Paul's Story

## The Story of Redemption in Scripture

### Their (and our) Story



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The patriarch Abraham, who is mentioned nineteen times in Paul's letters, is the pivotal figure in all of Paul's arguments from Scripture in Galatians. But why Abraham? It has been suggested that Paul was exercising theological one-upmanship in his appeal to the father of the Jewish people. In other words, if his opponents claimed the authority of Moses, the giver of the law, he would do them one better by going even further back to Abraham.



It is much more likely, however, that Paul developed his unique understanding of Abraham's role in the history of salvation over against the appeal to Abraham in the theology of his opponents. Thus Paul's main purpose was not so much to oppose Abraham to Moses as it was to set the Abraham of "faith alone" over against the Abraham of rabbinic exegesis who was blessed by God because of his meritorious deeds.

~ Timothy George, *Galatians*, vol. 30, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1994), 216–217.



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## Genesis 22:17-18

<sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup>and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

**4. Second Big Conclusion – Believers (not the lineage nor the ones who obey the law) are the blessed ones**

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1. *If you believe, Abraham is your father.*

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- 2. If Abraham is your father, then the fulfillment of all the spiritual promises to Abraham (in the Old/New Testament) are yours!*

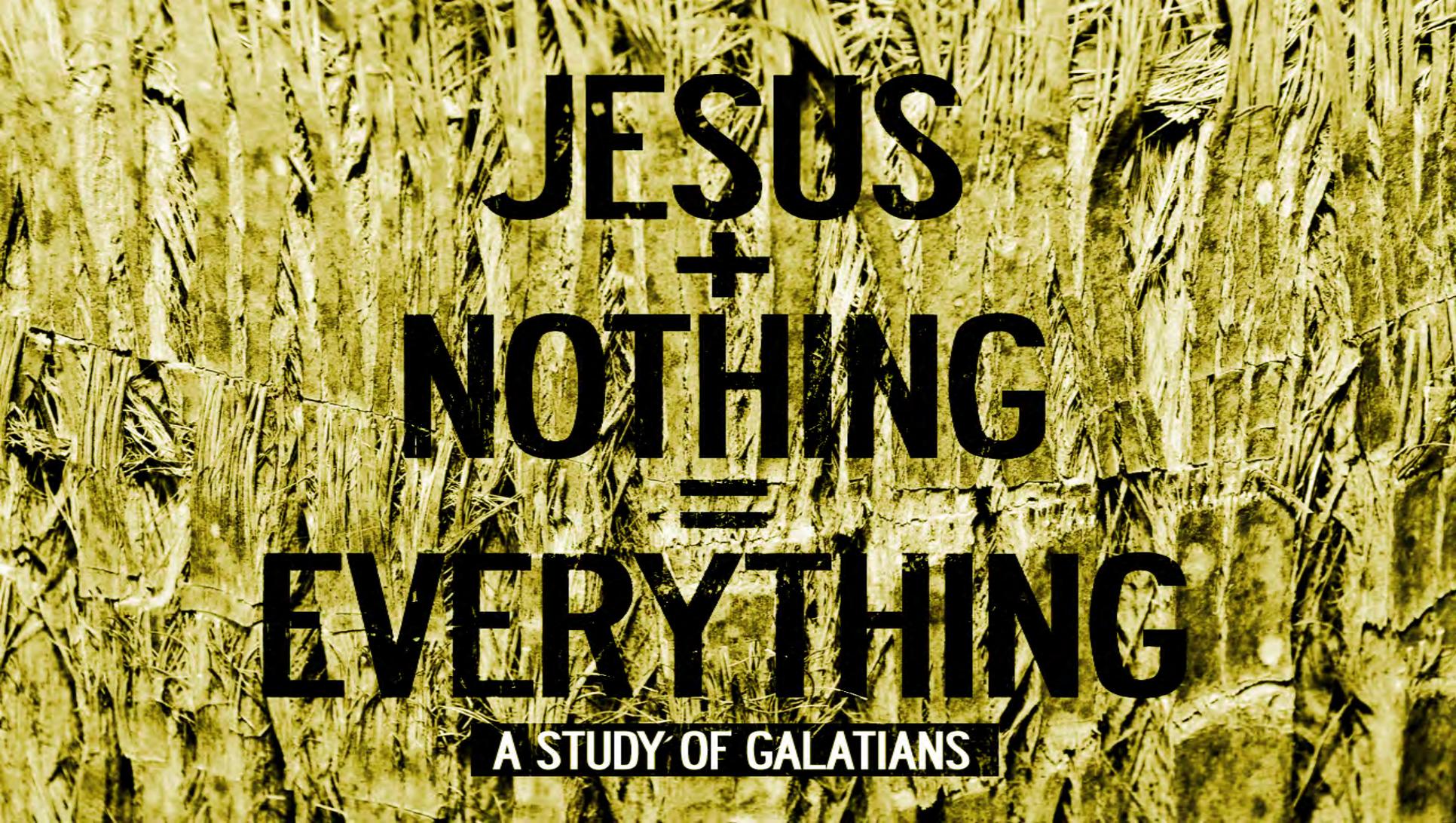
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- 3. If Abraham is your father, then you are not an afterthought – you are part of this story all the way from Genesis 12 and members of the new covenant!*

## **Luke 22:20**

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.





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