

A close-up photograph of a silver fountain pen lying diagonally across the frame. The pen is surrounded by a large quantity of small, five-pointed silver star-shaped confetti. The background is dark and out of focus, with some light reflecting off the pen's barrel and the stars. A semi-transparent blue rectangular box is overlaid on the upper portion of the image, containing the text 'Happy New Year from Paul'.

Happy New Year from Paul

Galatians 3:15-18

# Galatians Outline

Epistolary Greeting 1v1-5

Charge against Galatians 1v6-9





# Gal 1:6

thaumazo

amazed

metatithemi

(at) how quickly you are changing

**away from** the One  
who called you in the  
sphere of the grace of  
**Christ**

kaleo

**into** a different (of  
another kind) Gospel

heteros

# Gal 1:7

heteros

into a different (of  
another kind) Gospel

allos

which is not another  
(of the same kind)

yet there are some

who are shaking you up

tarasso

and

metastrepho

wanting to alter the  
Gospel of Christ



# Gal 1v8

But if we or an angel from heaven

SHOULD evangelize

Different from that which

we evangelized you

(THEN) Let him be accursed



# Gal 1v9

Just as we have said before

And I say again now:

IF SOMEONE Evangelizes you

different from that which you received with  
approval

(THEN) Let him be accursed.



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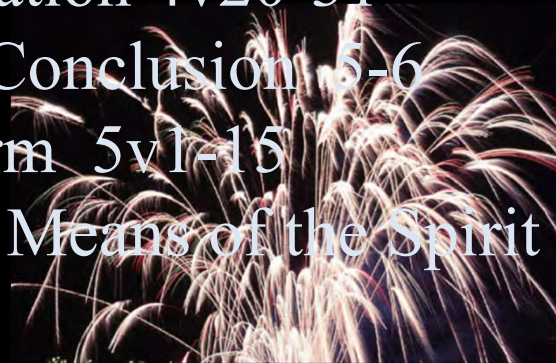
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# v15: The Illustration of the Abrahamic Covenant from Normal Human Interaction

Brothers, according to *the standards of man* I  
will speak:

Even though *it is* only of man, the having been  
already ratified **testament**, no one annuls it or  
adds a codicil to it.



# Watch the Themes of the Discussion

- **Covenant:** legal contract between two parties

Two covenants are in view:

1. Abraham's Covenant, Gen 15:7ff: unilateral, permanent, unconditional
2. Moses' Covenant, Ex 24:1-8: bi-lateral, temporary, conditional

- **Promise:** the Lord's terms to which He agreed in the Abrahamic Covenant
- **Law:** Israel's terms to which they agreed in the Mosaic Covenant

v16 Next Point: Focus on the PROMISE  
and Pursue the RECIPIENT

So to Abraham were spoken **the promises** and to  
his seed.

It does not say, “And to seeds,” as concerning  
many

But

as concerning one, “And to your Seed,”

Who is Christ.

# An Alternative to “the Hustle”

1. Paul is teaching an alternative to doing great things for God in order to be blessed by Him.
2. This religious, man-centered approach is slavery.
3. The alternative is the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. Principle: If you have Christ you have everything.
5. Having Christ is true of every believer at the moment of faith in Christ.
6. As a result of having everything, we are driven in gratitude “to walk before the Lord and be blameless.”

## v17: The Law vs. the Promise

Now this I am saying:

**The Law,**

which came 430 years later,

**does not make void a covenant**

which had been ratified in advance by God  
such that it invalidates the **promise.**

## v18: Strengthening the Argument

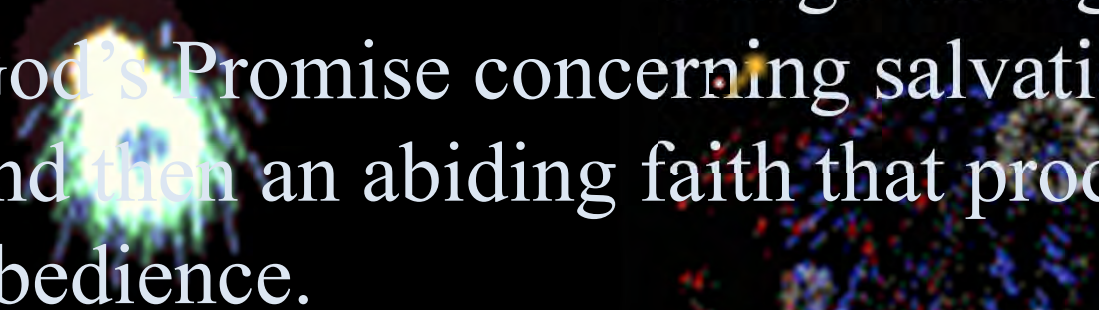
For if from the **Law comes the Inheritance**, *it is*  
no longer from **Promise!**

But (Advancing the next point) to Abraham  
through **promise** God has freely given *it (the  
inheritance)*.

# Theology in Inheritance

1. God requires Righteous obedience.
2. Jesus Christ the Righteous One has obeyed fully.
3. Therefore all the blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant will be received only in relationship to Him.
4. This is HOW God promised the blessings of inheritance to Abraham without there being a Law.
5. Correlation: Inheritance of the blessings already set up in your portfolio depends upon obedience.
6. Yet we do not deserve the inheritance if we obey!
7. The inheritance is laid up for us in Christ.

8. Just as Christ is the Heir of the Abrahamic Covenant and the Fulfillment of the Law, so we receive God's blessings through believing God's Promise concerning salvation in Christ and then an abiding faith that produces faithful obedience.

The image features two decorative light effects. On the left, there is a bright, multi-colored starburst with a yellow and white core, transitioning into green and blue rays. On the right, there is a larger, more diffuse starburst composed of many small, multi-colored dots in shades of blue, red, and white.