<u>Justification by Faith</u>

Galatians 3:4-9

Intro:

    A.   Paul has asked his readers 5 questions.
        1.   <u>Who</u> bewitched you? **Vs. 1**
        2.   <u>How</u> did they receive the Spirit? **Vs. 2**
        3.   <u>How</u> will they be <u>completed</u>? **Vs. 3**

    B.   **"Have ye suffered so many things in vain? If it be yet in vain."**
        1.   "<u>Suffered</u>" = πασκω = "to experience either good or evil", "to receive from evil".
        2.   "<u>Vain</u>" = εικη = "to no purpose".
        3.   "Have all of your experiences achieved no end at all? If it really was to no purpose."

    C.   By what agency had God worked among them?
        1.   **Vs. 5** "<u>Ministereth</u>" = επιχορηγεω = "to furnish upon, that is besides, in addition, supply further".
        2.   "<u>Worketh</u>" = εργον = "accomplish by labor".
        3.   "<u>Miracles</u>" = δυναμις = "inherent power", "capability".
        4.   "He who supplies you abundantly with his Spirit and endows you with such powers - does he do this as the result of obedience to Law? Or is it the result of hearing and believing? TCNT

I.   <u>Justification Comes to the Jew by Faith.</u> **Vs. 6-7**

    A.   **"Even as Abraham believed God..."**
        1.   "Think of Abraham..."
        2.   "<u>Believed</u>" = πιστευω = "to trust"
        3.   "Just like Abraham trusted God..."

    B.   **"...and it was accounted to him for righteousness."**
        1.   "<u>Accounted</u>" = λογιζομαι = "to count, to reckon".
        2.   "<u>Righteousness</u>" = δικαιοσυνη = "the sum total of all that God requires".

    C.   **Vs. 7**

II.   <u>Justification come to the Gentiles by Faith.</u>

    A.   **Vs. 8** **"And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith,..."**
        1.   "<u>Scripture</u>" = γραφη = "the writing".

2. "<u>Foreseeing</u>" = προοραω = "to see before hand".
3. "<u>Heathen</u>" = εθνος = "nation".

B. **"...<u>preached the gospel</u> unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed."**
1. προευαγγελιζομαι = "to proclaim a joyous correct message beforehand".
2. **<u>Genesis 12:3 (1-3)</u>**

III. <u>Jew and Gentile Share in the Justification</u>.

A. **Vs. 9 "So then they which be of faith..."**
1. "<u>Faith</u>" = See I,A,2
2. "So we see that all who trust God..."

B. **"...are blessed with faithful Abraham..."**
1. "<u>Blessed</u>" = ευλογεω = "to speak well of" a eulogy, to praise, her to be praised by God as Abraham was.
2. We are partakers with Abraham because we have received the one promised to him, that is Christ Jesus.