

Privileged To Serve In Public Worship

Announcements: Scott Samford

Scripture Reading: AM- Adam Dyer PM- Chandler Osborne

Song Leader: Doug Guinn

Opening Prayer: AM-Chris Lowry PM- Ray Duncan

Closing Prayer: AM- Brad Trull PM- Tyler Thomas

To Serve Communion: Robert Osborne Terry Littlejohn
Terry Whitt Caden Thomas
Dwayne Lovelady Tom Trull

Sermons: Anthony Scherffius
AM- "Psalm 20"
PM- "Psalm 21"

Sound Room: Bo Graham

Greet Visitors: Dennis Thomas

Count Contribution: Landry Gammon Jim Gammon

Attendance Cards: Hayden Dyer Levi Dyer

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Scripture Reading: Landry Gammon/I Corinthians 16:13-24

Devotional: Bob Patterson

Bible Class: Anthony Scherffius

Records for week of February 1, 2026:

Attendance:	Bible Class:	86	Worship PM:	79
	Worship AM:	107	Wed. 1/28:	84

Contribution: \$ 9297



February 8, 2026

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Preacher: Anthony Scherffius

Bible Study & Worship

Sundays:	Bible Class	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Worship	5:00pm

Wednesdays:	Bible Class	7:00
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THE INTENT OF THE LAW
PT. 1 (Galatians 3:1-14)
By Anthony Scherffius

There is a community of people that are among us today that also plagued the first century, during the time of Paul, Peter, and our Lord Jesus the Christ. Today they go by the name “*The Messianic Community*.” In the first century they went by a different name: “*the Judaizing teachers*” or “*those of the circumcision*.” The doctrine which this group holds is the belief that we must hold on to the Old Law, and that not all of the Law of Moses is dead. The doctrine teaches how we need to practice the traditions of the Jews including keeping the Sabbath day holy, performing circumcision, and converting all to being Jewish. Although there are different branches of this belief, some more extreme and some more legalistic, the position is the same—we must go back, or hold on, to the Law of Moses.

This is nothing new; it should not frighten us as something that is “rising up.” Thanks to God and His infinite knowledge and wisdom, He has provided examples of His followers in the first century who dealt with this very same doctrine. He shows how to refute it using inspired Scripture, not traditions of man. Although we should not be discouraged or frightened by this false teaching, we do need to be watchful, vigilant and equipped with knowledge so that we may be able to defend the truth of God’s Promise, His Word, and His Plan for all of humanity, both Jew and Gentile. Because of the gravity and depth of this topic, we will break this article into two parts. We will be examining Galatians chapter three where Paul explains the purpose of God’s plan of the Law of Moses and its intent.

I encourage those who are reading this to read all of Galatians so that you may have an understanding of the whole letter, and then come back to examine our study together. However, just as a way of summary, Paul was dealing with a group of Christians in Galatia who were known for being easily carried away by every wind of doctrine. They allowed themselves to be taken away from the flock of Christ and led astray into a belief that holds them captive in their own sin. Paul defends his apostleship so as to defend the message given

to him by God—which is the Gospel. He shows his credentials, his travels and connections with Cephas (Peter) and how he withstood both Barnabas and Peter to the face due to their sin of favoritism towards the Jews. He then connects everything in chapter three. He explains that there should be no favoritism at all but especially to the Jews because there is neither Jew nor Greek for all are one in Christ Jesus thanks to His fulfillment and putting away of the Law. This is where our study begins.

1. (Verses 1-5) Argument Based On Experience: Providing the Spirit—After his defense, (chapters 1-2) Paul starts a doctrinal section beginning in chapter 3. He asks the Galatians a rhetorical question. They were Christians after all, yet they taught we are saved by works of the Law of Moses. Paul asks,

“Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh...does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?” (Gal. 3:2b-3, 5).

Paul essentially says, “How can one be saved by that which condemns? The Law was of works (sacrifices, circumcision, sabbaths, feast days, etc.) and that doesn’t save you. It is the faith in the One who provides the Spirit that saves.

2. (Verses 6-9) Argument Based On Scripture: Preaching The Spirit—Next, Paul strategically uses a significant figure in the history of the Jews, a man whom every Jew looked to as the “father” of their people—Abraham. He destroys the doctrine of the Judaizing teachers by using the father of their own people, saying he followed the proper doctrine which God gave—the Gospel. The text reads:

“Even so Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the nations will be blessed in you.” So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer (Gal.3:6-9).

Paul says Abraham did not rely on works of the law that was given to him under the patriarchal system, but rather he “obeyed” after hearing “*the Gospel*” preached to him which was that all nations will be under one rule through his seed, Jesus the Christ- not through the Law which segregates and condemns. “*So then*”, Paul would say, “*those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer*” (v. 9).

3. (Vs 10-14) Argument Based On Fulfillment: Promise Of The Spirit—Half way through the chapter, Paul explains the mystery of the Gospel which was preached to Abraham, but kept secret until it was revealed by God to the apostles (Acts 2). He first gives a contrast between the Law and the System of Faith (or “the faith”):

1.) The Law Is a Curse: “*For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them” (v.10).*

2.) The Faith Is Righteousness: “*Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, “The righteous man shall live by faith” (v. 11).*

His argument and explanation is this: Since the Law is a curse and the Faith is righteousness, those who follow the Law are cursed, but the one who is of faith is eligible to partake of the promise of the Spirit, which is Salvation that is found in the sacrifice and blood of Jesus the Christ (v. 12-14). The whole reason the Law was instituted was that we may know what our sin was. The Law pointed it out, yet Jesus saves us from sin, that is the “promise of the Spirit.” Jesus said, “*If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin*” (Jo. 15:22). Because of this, we need salvation. The Law cannot offer salvation, but rather a curse. The Faith offers salvation from the curse. “*...in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith*” (Gal. 3:14).

Remember in Prayer

Scott Samford would appreciate prayers for his mother’s roommate Toni in the Mabank Nursing Home.

Please Remember:

Melva McManus, Archie & Nancy Underwood, Joy Tull, Judy Mitchell, Samuel & Diana Ramirez, Steven Coats, Sharon McMillan, Loree Mixon, Donna Roberts

If you would like a **Contribution Tax Statement**, please sign up in the information room.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 8- NH Worship/2:00
 February 15- Elders/Deacons Mtg./4:00
 February 22- Pot Luck Luncheon
 February 26- NH Birthday Party/2:00

Nursing Home Items Needed:

Small blankets Women’s socks

The Lord’s church at Wylie is hosting the **Mighty Men’s Mentoring Conference** on Sat., Feb. 21. Cost is \$37.73 per person.

To register, visit the congregation’s website: www.wcoc.org. Limited seating.

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Mt. Vernon church of Christ **Make Me a Servant Workshop The Questions of Life**

Sat., Feb.7 @ 10:00 a.m.
 See information room for details.

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There is a question box in the back. Feel free to submit questions to be answered by the elders or Anthony on 5th Sundays.

The new **CHRISTIAN COURIER** is available in the informatio room.