# Grace-full Obedience PATRICK ORMSBY



# The Straw Man Fallacy

Distorting or misrepresenting someone's argument in order to make it easier to defeat.



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### Galatians 3:10 NKJV

"For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."

### Galatians 3:13-14 NKJV

"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

# So what is the blessing of Abraham?

1. That the divine curse that dominates the lives of fallen humanity has been lifted by the redemptive work of Christ, and as a result not only Jews but Gentiles as well can now experience the promise given to Abraham. In this new covenant, faith in Christ enables Jew and Gentile alike to live under the "blessing given to Abraham". The promise that his seed would bring their blessing to the nations. The Gentiles join in this blessing not by the works of the Law but by believing in Christ.

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2. The second purpose is that by "faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit." This is the defining mark of those living under the new covenant that we have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. He empowers us to walk in obedience.



### Galatians 5:16-18 NKJV

"I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law."

### Exodus 24:7 NKJV

"Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient.""

### Galatians 3:10-11 NKJV

"For as many as are of the <u>works of the law</u> are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them." <u>But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith."</u>"

### Romans 10:2-4 NKJV

"For I bear them witness that they [Israel] have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes."

### Hebrews 11:6 AMP

"But without faith it is impossible to [walk with God and] please Him, for whoever comes [near] to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He rewards those who [earnestly and diligently] seek Him."

### Hebrews 4:16 NKJV

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

There are people who are yet to be blessed on the other side of your obedience.

### I Corinthians 15:10 NKJV

"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."