



Title | Questions and Answers
Series | Witness For the Defense
Text | Galatians 3:1-9
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Sermon Notes

Galatians 3:1 O foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. **2** Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? **3** Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? **4** Did you suffer so many things in vain – if indeed it was in vain? **5** Does He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith – **6** just as Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness? **7** Knowing then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. **8** And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” **9** So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Big Idea:

Galatians 3:9 – So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Galatians 3:1. When Paul says the Galatians are “foolish,” is he being rude? Why or why not? Why do you think he didn’t employ a little more tact or diplomacy? What can we learn from this passage about being direct?

Tuesday:

Read Galatians 3:2. Paul asked the Galatians if they received the Spirit because of their works or their faith. If Paul had asked this question in person, what would have been their response? Why was it important for Paul to ask this question first?

Wednesday:

Read Galatians 3:3. Paul then asked a question based on the logic of the previous question. Since they started their faith journey in faith, why do they think they can finish their faith journey with works? Carefully consider your own life to determine if you are trusting in works for your spiritual growth after first trusting in faith in Christ.

Thursday:

Read Genesis 15:6. God justified Abraham by his faith not his works. Paul continued to state Abraham was justified by his faith alone even after Abraham committed multiple sins. What can Abraham’s example teach us about relying on faith vs works in our spiritual lives after receiving salvation?

Friday:

Read Galatians 3:6. Paul’s answer to the faith vs works question was the example of Abraham. Even though he stumbled after his initial salvation, his faith in God was enough. What can we learn about God’s love and promises from Abraham’s example as we struggle with sin in our own lives?

Daily Prayer:

Father, thank you for the example of Abraham. I ask that you remind me of your steadfast love even in the face of my struggles with sin. May I always remember to trust in you and not my own devices. Amen.

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