

Bible Study Series: The Book of Galatians

Chapter 3

Introduction

- A. As chapter 3 opens, Paul is now going to take aim at the Galatians themselves. This chapter opens with the words, "O foolish Galatians..."
- B. Many of the Galatian churches had been ill-affected by the false teaching of the Judaizers.
- C. Paul rebukes the Galatians out of the deep and sincere _____ that he had for them. Proverbs 27:5-6

Verse 1

- A. This first verse is very strong, direct, and to the point.
 - The word "_____" means "unintelligent," also translated "unwise."
- B. The Galatians were not _____ for themselves, they were allowing someone else (the Judaizers) to do their thinking for them.
- C. These false teachers had "bewitched" the Galatians.
 - "Bewitched" means "to fascinate (by _____ representations)."
- D. The result was that these believers were no longer _____ the truth. What truth is Paul referring to?
- E. As we read the rest of the verse, we see that Paul is referring to the sufficiency of Christ's work on the _____.

Verse 2

- A. Paul asks them a direct question, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit by doing the works of the law or by the hearing of faith?"
 - The phrase "the hearing of faith" refers to them hearing the _____ of Christ preached and simply placing their _____ in Christ to save them. cf. Romans 10:8-17
 - The moment believing _____ trust Christ, they receive the Holy Spirit.

- There are no _____ that need to be done. We receive the Spirit by _____ alone.

Verse 3

- A. It is a work of the Spirit that _____ us, and it is a work of the Spirit that _____ us.
- Spiritual growth comes as we are rightly _____ to Christ and His Spirit. As we humbly trust Him and abide in Him, He lives His life through us, and true spiritual _____ occurs.
 - Spiritual maturity is not found in a plan, a program, a curriculum, or religious rules – it is found in a _____ – Jesus Christ.
- B. We live the Christian life the same way we _____ it – by total _____ and trust in Christ. Colossians 2:6
- We do not need the law because we have the One who fulfilled the law living _____ of us!