Bible Study Series: The Book of Galatians Chapter 3

Verse 5

- A. This appears to be a reference to how God worked through Paul among the Galatians on Paul's first missionary journey. Acts 13:6-12, 14:3, 8-10
- B. It is important to realize that the sign gifts were operable during the apostolic time period of ______ because God was still calling ______ to repentance. 1 Corinthians 1:22
- C. At the end of Acts (28:25-29), God _____ from Israel.
- D. Therefore, after the book of Acts, we see the sign gifts _____.1 Timothy 5:23; 2 Timothy 4:20; 2 Timothy 4:6; Philippians 2:25-30

Verse 6

- A. In this book of Galatians, Paul brilliantly lays out a defense of the gospel of grace through faith alone, without the works of the law.
- B. To help prove his point, Paul now uses the _____ of the Jews Abraham.
- C. Paul reminds them in this verse that Abraham was justified through faith
 - This is a reference from Genesis 15:5-6.
- D. Righteousness was put to Abraham's account before God. How did it happen?
- E. Romans 4 clearly reveals that it was through faith alone.
 - It was not through any works of the _____. vs. 1-5
 - It was not through the _____ of circumcision. vs. 9-11
 - It was not through the _____. vs. 13-16
 - Abraham was justified (declared righteous) through ______ in God's promise. vs. 18-22
- F. Abraham did not just believe in God, but rather he "believed God." This means that we accept God's Word and trust His promise.
- G. Nobody is saved by believing in God. The Bible teaches that the ______ believe in God, and tremble. James 2:19

• We are saved by believing God – believing and _____ in what He has said.

Verse 7

- A. The Bible teaches that Abraham is the ______ of all those who believe God, whether Jew or Gentile. Romans 4:11-12, 16
- B. Jewish legalists had probably boasted that they were the ______ children of Abraham by virtue of their law-keeping.
- C. This verse is a stinging rebuke to the Judaizers. Paul shows that the true children of Abraham are those that are of _____.