
Finding Freedom: A Study In Galatians
"Understanding Christianity"

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Galatians 3:1-5

Introduction: We are working our way through Galatians where Paul is addressing how we find freedom in Christ.

1. A freedom that includes:
 - The Bondage Of Sin
 - The Bondage Of Religion
 2. This was a very real problem within the churches of Galatia.
 3. False teachers had infiltrated the church insisting these new Gentile believers must embrace the law of Moses.
 4. Paul immediately recognized the danger & addressed it.
 5. As we come to chapter 3, he appeals to the Galatians' experience in Christ.
 6. By asking several questions, he helps them understand the new life they have in Christ.
- I. Question 1: Who Has Bewitched You?
- A. The Galatians Were Acting irrationally.
 - B. The Galatians Understood The Death Of Christ
- II. Question 2: How Did You Receive The Spirit?
- A. Focus On Regeneration
 - B. Faith Or Works

III. Question 3: How Will You Be Sanctified?

- A. Transformation Begins With The Spirit
- B. It Is Foolish To Think Sanctification Is Possible In The Flesh

IV. Question 4: Did You Suffer In Vain?

- A. Persecution Was The Norm In The Early Church
- B. Turning From Grace Means They Suffered For Nothing

V. Question 5: How Do You Explain The Miracles God Did All Around You?

- A. God Did Miracles In Galatia
- B. Why ... Law Or Faith?

Conclusion: Paul is not questioning the Galatians' salvation.

1. They had been set free from the bondage of sin, but because of the influence of the Judaizers, they were not free.
2. Instead, they were being enslaved to the law.
3. Paul understood the danger. By supplementing the work of Christ with the law, you supplant it.
4. Salvation is by faith in Christ alone. Spiritual formation is by faith in Christ alone.
5. Human effort appeals to our ego & makes us feel better, but it nullifies the work of Christ on the cross & in our hearts.
6. Do not let Satan or anyone else tell you otherwise!