

“The Five Questions About Whether God Accepts You” Galatians 3:1-5 July 12, 2020

Galatians Series- Living the Gospel in the Power of the Spirit

Big Idea- The gospel that Paul preached to the Galatians (and to us) will always be challenged by those who want to add or take away something from it. We are saved by grace through faith alone in the finished work of Jesus. We cannot let anyone distract us from the utmost importance of the biblical gospel message.

Background Texts- Acts 11:11-15; Romans 4:1-25; Acts 15:1, 5

Question 1- Believer, have you become illogical and forgotten the absolute importance of the CROSS OF JESUS?

1. Delivers from evil age- 1:4
2. Killed the law on our behalf and identifies us with Jesus- 2:19-20
3. The Cross justifies us (declares us righteous)- 2:21
4. Absorbs our guilt- 3:10-14
5. Is the power of God unto salvation- 1 Cor 1:18; Rom 1:16-17
6. Paul made the gospel of the cross the HIGHEST non-negotiable (1 Corinthians 2:1-2; Galatians 1:7-9)

Question 2- Believer, did you receive the Holy Spirit by faith or WORKS?

1. All believers are baptized by Jesus into the Spirit- Mark 1:8; 1 Cor 12:13
2. Did God wait until you made yourself better before accepting you?
3. It is impossible to be a true believer without the Spirit- Rom 8:9-11

Question 3- Believer, are you going to be sanctified by the FLESH?

1. The war always is between the flesh and the Spirit- 5:16
2. Another way is to say faith in the cross or law to gain acceptance.

Question 4- Why compromise now after suffering for your FAITH?

Question 5- Does God give you the Spirit or answer your prayers because you have earned it through the Law or by demonstrating FAITH?

1 John 3:20 *that if our conscience condemns us, that God is greater than our conscience and knows all things.*

Philippians 1:6 *And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

Theological Application: *Salvation involves you, but didn't begin with you. It began in eternity past (Eph 1:4-5; Rom 8:28-30), continues in the present and will end with Jesus not losing a single person that God gave Him (John 6:37-45)!*

Our Vision- *Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples*

1 Corinthians 2:1 ¶ And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom.

² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. (1 Cor. 2:1-2 ESV)

1 Cor 12 ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Romans 8:9 ¶ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

John 6:37-40

³⁷ Everyone whom the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will never send away.

³⁸ For I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me.

³⁹ Now this is the will of the one who sent me-- that I should not lose one person of every one he has given me, but raise them all up at the last day.

⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father-- for everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him to have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."