

“Are you Doing Good Works through the Holy Spirit?”

Galatians 6:6-10 November 8, 2020

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

Book Context- The gospel that Paul preached was received directly from Jesus. Anyone, including an angel from heaven, that contradicted the gospel of grace through faith in Jesus was to be eternally condemned. The Galatians, by their own personal experience, had come to faith and received the Holy Spirit through God’s grace without following the law first.

Therefore, the rest of their spiritual life should be lived by faith and the Holy Spirit and not be rooted in OT law keeping. Paul now moves on to prove this by showing the background of God’s covenant with Abraham prior to Moses. The Law came after God’s promise to Moses and was to last **until** Jesus arrived. Everyone who expresses faith have become heirs of God’s original promise. Paul moves from biblical and logical argument to personal friendship based on integrity and mutual love. We are reminded again that we are not under the law which is a form of slavery. We are **free** children, like Isaac, through the Spirit. If you seek to trust in the law, you are cut off from Christ and salvation. We need to be aware of those that seek to hinder us from trusting in the grace of the cross. Obedience is the natural fruit of faith in the gospel of grace which is led by the Holy Spirit. As we rely on Him moment by moment, we will not be fleshy. Instead we will be obedient, humble, loving while doing good financially to our fellow believers.

Background Texts- Isaiah 64:6; 1 Kings 8:46; Isaiah 53:6; Eccl 7:20; Romans 3:10-11; **John 3:16-21**; 1 Cor 15:58; John 15:5; **Works are the basis of judgment-** Matt 7:13-27; 16:27; 22:1-14; 25:1-46; 2 Cor 5:10; Rev 20:11-15.

LESSON 1- Doing good works can only fully be brought by the **SPIRIT**

- A. Spiritual good works are often revealed by how we handle **FINANCES** (Gal 6:6; Matt 6:21; Luke 10:7; 1 Cor 9:14; 1 Tim 5:17-18)
- B. Spiritual good works are founded upon the law of sowing and **REAPING** (Gal 6:7-8; Do not be deceived- 1 Cor 6:9-10; 15:33; James 1:14-16)
- C. Spiritual good works financially helps all, but especially **BELIEVERS** (Gal 6:9-10; 1 Tim 5:8; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

Theological Application:

- 1.** *God gives us the opportunity to bless us others financially in order to ween us off our own selfishness by putting others first (Phil 2:3-10).*
- 2.** *Preaching a gospel of grace brings with it the risk of some being deceived. The NT does not shy away from grace, but gives many warnings of deception!*

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciple