

Galatians 3 Bible Study

Galatians 3:1 **"O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?"**

Meditate on the following:

1. People are bewitched when they take their eyes off the Cross as the center of Christian life.
2. It is in light of the cross that every statement must be tested, each teaching corrected or confirmed.

Galatians 3:2 **"Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law, or by hearing with faith?"**

1. Faith is the response when God comes knocking on the door.
2. Rev. 3:20 **"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man...opens the door, I will come in."**

What is your answer to the following: We do not have the power to believe in Christ; we have only the power to refuse.

What does Luther mean when he says, **"I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts."**

Consider this: the Almighty God, creator of the universe, takes the time to stand at the door of my life and knock.

Galatians 3:3-4 **"Are you so foolish? Having begun with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? Did you experience so many things in vain- if it really is in vain? Does He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith?"**

Paul's Galatian converts had risked much and had suffered much by becoming Christians. By dropping back into the life pattern in which they had been raised they had suffered ...in vain. By agreeing to circumcision, they were again putting the flesh, not Christ, at the center of their lives.

Galatians 3:5 **"Does He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith?"**

1. Christ's miracles prove that He has the power to control the world and all natural order.
2. They are signs of the coming Kingdom.
3. The miracles teach us that Jesus teaches by sight and not just insight.
4. The miracles mean that we do not have just a theoretical Christ but one who works in concrete situations.
5. They demonstrate the interrelation between the spiritual and the physical and emphasize the basic truth their oneness is supremely met in Christ.