

GALATIANS 3:1-5 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FAITH-BASED FROM START TO FINISH - ([SERMON MP3](#))

We've all heard the phrase, "If something seems too good to be true, it probably is." As a result, it's hard for us to accept that the most valuable gift of all, eternal life, is given to us freely. Although the Galatians initially accepted the gospel of grace by faith, they were easily seduced into believing that such a valuable gift required additional efforts on their part.²



- ☼ *Paul calls the Galatian Christians "foolish" two times (Gal. 3:1, 3). In what senses is it foolish to add works to the gospel of Christ?*
- ☼ *After beginning our Christians lives by faith, most of us at one time or another imitate the Galatians and fall into relying on our own efforts. Why do you think this happens?*
- ☼ *Have you ever been tempted to try to earn God's favor by your good actions? Explain how you came to your senses.*
- ☼ *What has been your experience with Christianity? Did you initially understand it as something based on faith or on rules? How has your perspective changed over the years?*

In artwork, Christ is portrayed in many ways: teaching crowds, working alongside Joseph in the carpenter shop, praying in Gethsemane, welcoming children, walking on water. Why would Paul choose to focus on portraying Christ as crucified in Galatians 3:1?³



What does Paul say about the connection between the Holy Spirit and salvation in Galatians 3:2-5? Specifically, when do believers receive the Holy Spirit? Look up the following verses and explain how they contribute to the discussion.



- ☼ *Romans 8:9*
- ☼ *Romans 8:16*
- ☼ *1John 3:24*
- ☼ *1John 4:13*
- ☼ *Acts 15:7-8*

