



One Church-Two Locations

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Verse by verse through Galatians-The Gospel Unleashed

Today's Message

"Saved by Faith" (The Story of Bewitched Believers)

Galatians 3:1-5 ESV

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3 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. 2 Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? 4 Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? 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—

Introduction: *The Apostle Paul in the book of Galatians is battling those who are saying that you have to add something to Jesus in order to be saved. This contrast is clearly seen in the verses we have read today.*

THREE IMPORTANT FACTS:

- 1) There is nothing you can do to save yourself.***
- 2) God does not expect us to do anything to save ourselves.***
- 3) God has done everything necessary for us to be saved when He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross.***

Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Paul places before us the experience of what it means to be saved, those appeals that will keep us from getting under the spell of a works salvation doctrine.

We become bewitched when we take our eyes off the manifestation of the Cross.

1. Paul lays before us the appeal of a c_____ Salvation.

“Foolish” or “bewitched” = lacking in perception (I Corinthians 2:2)

“I may know him” The appeal of the Savior

The passion of Jesus Christ

It is the compelling Savior that draws us and keeps us to salvation by grace through faith.

We become bewitched when we forget:

Galatians 3:4 Did you suffer so many things in vain – if indeed it was in vain?

2. Paul makes an appeal before us concerning a c_____ Salvation.

“Suffer”=experienced

Two elements of salvation: justification and sanctification

Justification=“I have been saved!” It is just as if I have never sinned because of the shed blood of Jesus and the work of the Spirit I am justified not by my works but by the finished work of the sinless, spotless Son of God.

Sanctification=“I am in process, I am being saved!” He is working in me to manifest his characteristics in me. Christ in me. He is the Potter, I am the clay, and he is molding me and shaping me into His image.

You are no more kept saved by what you do than you are saved by what you do!

We become bewitched when we forget about the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

3. Paul lays before us a c_____ Spirit.

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

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—

What he is saying is that when the gospel of salvation by grace through faith is preached God comes on the scene. God starts working. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are manifested in abundant measure in a church where Jesus is preached.

“Miracles” =dunamos-“dynamite”

We become bewitched when we forget about the message of F_____.

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