

# **Faulty Faith**

## **Galatians 2:11-21**

### **Faulty Faith Frustrates Followers**

#### **A. Peter's Words**

**Acts 10:34-35, Acts 11:17**

#### **B. The Incident (2:11-13)**

**1. The hypocrisy of Peter (2:11-12)**

**2. The hypocrisy of the other Jewish believers (2:13)**

#### **C. The Indictment (2:14)**

**1. Paul's perception**

**2. Paul's proclamation**

**3. Paul's pronouncement**

**Matthew 23:4**

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#### **D. The Implications (2:15-18)**

**1. We should know better (2:15)**

**2. What should we know (2:16)**

**Salvation is only by faith in Christ and not by works**

**Romans 3:28**

**3. What if we could be wrong and works are required for salvation (2:17-18)**

**a. Christ would be a sinner (v 17)**

**b. We would still be sinners (v 18)**

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#### **E. The Imperatives (2:19-21)**

- 1. The sinner died with Christ on the cross (2:19)**
- 2. The saved live because of the resurrected Christ (2:20)**

**Romans 6:4**

- 3. Do not frustrate God's grace by believing in legalism (2:21)**

**What Is Your Salvation Based On?**

**Faith or Law**  
**Galatians 3:1-14**

**Faith Finds Fulfillment But**  
**Living The Law Leaves You Lost**

## **Galatians 3:1-5**

**1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?**

**2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?**

**3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?**

**4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain.**

**5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?**

# **I. Five Rhetorical Questions (3:1-5)**

## **A. Who hath bewitched you? (3:1)**

### **1. Bewitch = amaze**

**Acts 8:9**

**But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:**

### **2. The results of being bewitched**

**a. Disobey the truth**

**b. Disbelieve with your own eyes**

**c. Deny the sacrifice of Christ**

# **I. Five Rhetorical Questions (3:1-5)**

**B. Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? (3:2)**

**1. How soon we can forget**

**James 2:10**

**For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.**

**2. Faith is essential**

**Hebrews 11:6**

**But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**

# **I. Five Rhetorical Questions (3:1-5)**

**C. Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? (3:3)**

**1. How does spiritual growth occur?**

**2. If works failed before, they will not work now**

**Romans 4:6-7**

**6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,**

**7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.**



# **I. Five Rhetorical Questions (3:1-5)**

**D. Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain? (3:4)**

**1. Why did you respond as you did when I preached the Gospel?**

**2. Did you not experience the joy of salvation?**

**3. If you have the best, why look for anything else**

**2 Corinthians 6:1**

**We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.**

# **I. Five Rhetorical Questions (3:1-5)**

**E. What about miracles? (3:5)**

**1. Who does them?**

**2. Why do they occur?**

**John 14:12**

**Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me,  
the works that I do shall he do also;  
and greater works than these shall he do; because I go  
unto my Father.**

# **Consider...**

## **Genesis 12:3**

**And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**

## **Genesis 15:6**

**And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.**

## **Genesis 17: 24**

**And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.**

## **II. The Example Of Abraham (3:6-9)**

### **Galatians 3:6-9**

**6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.**

**7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.**

**8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.**

**9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.**

## **II. The Example Of Abraham (3:6-9)**

**A. The Judaizers claim the old testament were on their side**

**John 8:33-34**

**33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?**

**34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.**

## **II. The Example Of Abraham (3:6-9)**

**B. Paul links the past to the present**

**Hebrews 11:39-40**

**39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:**

**40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.**

### **III. The Redemption From The Curse (3:10-14)**

#### **A. All who rely on the law are cursed (3:10-12)**

**Galatians 3:10-12**

**10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.**

**11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.**

**12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.**

# **III. The Redemption From The Curse (3:10-14)**

## **B. Christ took the curse (3:13-14)**

### **Galatians 3:13-14**

**13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:**

**14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**



**What Is Your Faith Based On?**