

# 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?**