

GALATIANS 3:1-14

INTRODUCTION

CHAPTERS 3-4 ARE DOCTRINAL

- **IN THEM PAUL EXPLAINS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LAW AND GRACE.**
- **THREE WORDS THAT ARE REPEATED FREQUENTLY;**
- **FAITH (FOURTEEN TIMES),**
- **LAW (NINETEEN TIMES)**
- **PROMISE (ELEVEN TIMES).**

- **PAUL PRESENTS 3 ARGUMENTS IN CHAPTER 3,**
PERSONAL ARGUMENT (3:1-5)
SCRIPTURAL ARGUMENT (3:6-14)
LOGICAL ARGUMENT (3:15-29)

THE PERSONAL ARGUMENT (3:1-5)

- **IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE CONVINCINGLY THAT FAITH ALONE IS GOD'S METHOD OF DEALING, THE APOSTLE ASKED FOUR QUESTIONS.**

3:2. (1) HOW DID YOU RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT?

THIS RHETORICAL QUESTION POINTED TO THE TIME OF THEIR CONVERSIONS,

3:3. (2) HOW WILL YOU BE SANCTIFIED?

PRESUPPOSING THE ANSWER THAT THE GALATIANS BECAME CHRISTIANS BY FAITH, PAUL ASKED IF THEY WERE

SO FOOLISH AS TO THINK THEY COULD BEGIN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IN ONE WAY (BY FAITH) AND MOVE ON TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY IN ANOTHER (BY WORKS). THIS WAS WHAT THE JUDAIZERS PROMOTED (CF. 4:10; 5:2; 3:4.

(3) DID YOU SUFFER IN VAIN?

THE THIRD QUESTION LOOKED BACK ON THE PERSECUTION THE APOSTLES AND NEW BELIEVERS EXPERIENCED IN THE REGION OF GALATIA.

3:5. (4) ON WHAT BASIS DID GOD PERFORM MIRACLES? THAT MIRACLES WERE PERFORMED AMONG THE GALATIANS BY DIVINE POWER WAS RECORDED IN THE BOOK OF ACTS (14:3, 8-11).

I. VERSES 1-5 (READ)

GALATIANS 3:1

VS. 1

A. FOOLISH GALATIANS = ANOETOS = ACTING IN A SPIRIT WHICH LACKS WISDOM, ONE WHO CAN THINK, BUT FAILS TO PERCEIVE.

FROM WORD NOEO = TO PERCEIVE, BE ATTENTIVE TO HOLY SPIRIT!

MATTHEW 26:38-41 JESUS WARNED IN THE GARDEN HOW IMPORTANT “WATCHING” WAS TO SPIRITUAL WARFARE...

BEWITCHED = BASKAINO, TO CAST A MAGIC SPELL, SLANDER

VS. 2, HOW DO YOU RECEIVE SPIRIT?

A. HEARING WITH FAITH (SUPERNATURAL TRANSFORMATION DONE IN THE SPIRIT BY THE SPIRIT)

B. NOT WORKS

YOU MAY LIVE:

- MORAL LIFE
- A RESPECTABLE LIFE OF SERVICE AND VIRTUE,
- BUT WITHOUT HOLY SPIRIT AND FAITH, CANNOT PLEASE GOD.

"HAVING BEGUN BY THE SPIRIT"

ALL WORK OF GOD BEGINS HERE AND ALL WORK OF GOD ENDS HERE.

VS. 5, HE PROVIDES SPIRIT, AND MIRACLES

AMONG = PREP "EN" = AMONG, UPON

- OBVIOUS BY PAUL'S STATEMENT THAT MIRACLES WERE A DAILY PART OF LIVING IN THE CHURCHES HE PLANTED.
- ACTS 14:3-11

II. PAUL'S SCRIPTURAL DEFENSE vs. 6-9,

THE SCRIPTURAL ARGUMENT (3:6-14)

- A. VERSES 6-7 QUOTE GEN. 15:6.
- B. VERSES 8-9 QUOTE GEN. 12:3.
- C. VERSE 10 QUOTES DEUT. 27:26.
- D. VERSE 11 QUOTES HAB. 2:4.
- E. VERSE 12 QUOTES LEV. 18:5.

SEE ROM. 4:1-8 FOR AN AMPLIFICATION OF THIS ARGUMENT.