

Galatians, Free in Grace

(6) The Doctrine of Grace

Argument #1, Consider your own salvation...3:1-5

What is the heart of Paul's pointed question in 3:1? see Lu.24:25

Your behavior is irrational! Not clear spiritual thinking. Christ portrayed as crucified...

How does this tie to Chapter 2? 2:20-21

Christ was *not* crucified 'for nothing'! And their 'law keeping' said that He was...!

What is his rhetorical question in verse 2? (see Rom.8:9; IJn.4:13) and the obvious answer?

Did you receive the Holy Spirit (get saved) by doing Law or by Faith? Faith, of course!

And what EXACTLY was the issue? vs.3 Is this about GETTING saved or LIVING saved?

They were ADDING works, law keeping, to their faith. *Begin* by faith, *live* by works...!

How common is this? How do many true believers view their salvation?

This is VERY common. Saved by grace but kept saved by works. That is the issue.

And what is Paul's judgment on this kind of thinking? vs.3a

Are you so foolish (as to believe this?). That doesn't even remotely make sense!

What is the basic appeal of this kind of error? Why does it flourish? Eph.4:11-16; Rom.12:1-2

Aimed at our emotions. Ego, pride. Ways to tell ourselves just how good we are!

And what was the form of their 'human effort'? vs.4, 5 see Acts 13:38-39

They were adding (parts of) the Law of Moses. Trying to attain their goal (salvation).

What's his next point, in verse 4? See Gal.5:11; Acts 14:21-22

Grace, no Law, is the offense of the cross! Moving back to law made their suffering vain.

What is his final rhetorical challenge to these believers? vs.5

Do you have the Spirit and His miracles in your life by observing the Law or by Faith?

Argument #2, From Scripture, consider Abraham...3:6-9

Paul now turns to the father of the faithful, Abraham. Why? vs.6 see 3:17 and Heb.11

Abraham was saved by faith, Gen.15:6. His salvation, by faith, came 430 yrs before Law!

What is his point in vs.7?

Believers are children of Abraham, not Moses! Abraham did not even have the Law!

How were we (Gentiles) included in Abrahams blessing? vs.8-9

God promised 'all nations' would be blessed in Abraham's Seed, Christ. By faith, no law.

What is the summary point of this second argument?

Abraham, father of Jews, was saved by faith, given promise, including Gentiles today.

No Law! Salvation has always been by faith. No Law!