

1. Believing God is necessary for salvation INITIALLY and living by the Spirit CONTINUALLY.

Galatians 3:1-6, Joel 2:28-29, Acts 2:38, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, Philippians 1:6

It's not salvation by GRACE and then sanctification by GRIT.

2. Believing God was modeled by ABRAHAM so that we too might RELY on our faith in God.

Galatians 3:7-9, Hebrews 11:1

Biblical faith is the combination of two concepts:
CONFIDENCE and RELIANCE.

Genesis 12:1-3, Genesis 18:17-18, Genesis 22:17-18

God has always been a "MISSIONARY GOD" whose desire was to bring salvation to the all peoples, not just His unique people of Israel.



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What or whom are you RELYING upon for your salvation?

3. Believing God is demonstrated when we rely on Jesus ALONE to be RIGHT with God.

Galatians 3:10-14

"All that the law can do for sinners is judge them, condemn them, and curse them."

-Charles Spurgeon, *Galatians*

Habakkuk 2:4



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"This is the difference between them: the law says 'Do this'; the gospel says 'Christ has done it all'. The law requires works of human achievement; the gospel requires faith in Christ's achievement. The law makes demands and bids us obey; the gospel brings promises and bids us believe. So the law and the gospel are contrary to one another...They are not two aspects of the same thing, or interpretations of the same Christianity."

-John Stott, *The Message of Galatians: Only One Way*

We rely upon our faith in Jesus' "becoming a curse in our place" and as we do, we receive the promised Holy Spirit by which we are SUPERNATURALLY empowered to live out what our FLESH couldn't manufacture on its own.

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