



## Faith Rather than the Law is the Mechanism for Salvation and Sanctification

*Galatians 3:1-9*

### REVIEW

1. We enjoy right-standing with God through faith in his Son.

*Gal. 2:16* yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

2. We enjoy a new quality of life through continued faith.

*Gal. 2:20* I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

3. The danger of elevating works of the law:

*Gal. 2:21* I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

### NOTES:

### PERSONAL EXPERIENCE DEMONSTRATES THE PRIMACY OF FAITH OVER LAW (3:1-5)

1. Jesus - and his work on the cross - is the object of our faith.

*Gal. 3:1* O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified.

2. Our faith in Jesus secures our new life.

*It is through faith that...*

a. ...we receive the Spirit and are made new.

*Gal. 3:2* Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?

b. ...we continue to mature in this new life.

*Gal. 3:3* Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? 4 Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?

c. ...we take hold of promises and blessings of God.

*Gal. 3:5* Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— 6 just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

## SCRIPTURE (HISTORY) PROVES THE PRIMACY OF FAITH OVER LAW (3:7-9)

### 1. Abraham's faith preceded his "works."

*Gal. 3:6* just as Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"?

### 2. Faith determines our association with Abraham

*Gal. 3:7* Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.

### 3. God's promise to Abraham foreshadowed the universal breadth of the promise.

*Gal. 3:8* And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed."

### 4. All who receive the promises of God through faith enjoy his blessings.

*Gal. 3:9* So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

## REVIEW/DISCUSS

1. How's it going with Galatians 2:20? Continue to invest time this week with the goal of "mastering" the verse.
2. The object of our faith is the death and resurrection of Jesus. What have you done in the past to grow in your faith? How do you keep Jesus and the cross central in your heart and mind?

## APPLY

3. Take time this week to make a list of what was secured for us at the cross. Divide the list into three categories (your past, your present, your future). How has the truth of Jesus' death changed your view of those categories?

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