

Temple of Flesh

Galatians 3:1-9

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Galatians 3:1 You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. **2** I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? **3** Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort? **4** Have you suffered so much for nothing—if it really was for nothing? **5** Does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you because you observe the law, or because you believe what you heard? **6** Consider Abraham: “He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” **7** Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. **8** The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, & announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” **9** So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Anóētos is the Greek for “foolish”

453 *anóētos* (from 1 /A "without" and 3539/*noiéō*, "to think") – properly, non-thinking, i.e. not "reasoning through" a matter (with proper logic); unmindful, which describes acting in a "mindless, dense" way ("just plain stupid").

Genesis 15:6

Abram believed the LORD, & he credited it to him as righteousness.

Romans 4:5

However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.

Titus 3:5

he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit

Galatians 2:16

So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ & not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

Galatians 2:21

I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

Romans 11:6

And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

John 6:29

Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

Luke 7:50

Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Romans 3:20

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

Galatians 5:4

You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.

Romans 9:31-32

but Israel, who pursued a law of righteousness, has not attained it. Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the “stumbling stone.”

Galatians 3:10-11

All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.” Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, “The righteous will live by faith.”

Discussion Questions:

1. What was your biggest takeaway from these verses?
2. Name methods you've used to be more in tune with the Holy Spirit.
3. Why do you think people often prefer law keeping rather than trusting God to receive salvation?
4. What is the most difficult part of these verses for you to understand?
5. If you believe every verse (in this section) to be absolutely 100% true, how should it affect the way you live?
6. How can we avoid being led astray like the people of Galatia?
7. Pray for each other.

Next Week's Message: Galatians 3:10-14