

Living Free

Belief
Message 5

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► Outline

... After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? **Galatians 3:3 (NLT)**

A. Introduction

(Galatians 3:1-14. C/R: Acts 16:31)

B. True belief in Christ...

1. _____ to personal experiences with God.
(Galatians 3:1-5. C/R: Psalm 16:11; John 15:15)

2. _____ salvation by works
and _____ salvation by faith.
(Galatians 3:3, 6-7. C/R: Matthew 5:17;
2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 2:8-9)

3. Is _____ in God's Word.
(Galatians 3:6-14. C/R: Genesis 15:6; Habakkuk 2:4;
John 1:1, 14; 8:56; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

4. _____ the curse.
(Galatians 3:13-14. C/R: John 10:10; 1 Peter 2:24)

Answers: 1. Responds 2. Rejects, receives 3. rooted 4. Removes

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, Scripture verses are from the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation (NLT). C/R refers to a 'cross reference.' Today's outline and discussion guide are available through the Brookwood Church app.

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to study the Bible and pursue a deeper relationship with God. Check out other Bible study tools at biblegateway.com, biblestudytools.com or blueletterbible.org.

Conversation Starter

Describe a time you first remember experiencing loss.

Opening in Prayer

Spend a few minutes quieting your heart and asking God to guide your time in His Word.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Galatians was written by the apostle Paul to several early Christian communities in the province of Galatia, which is modern-day Turkey (see [Acts 13-14](#)). In this letter, Paul faces head on how these young Christians were being misled and missing out on the true freedom found only in the *Good News* of Jesus Christ.

Read [Galatians 3:1-14](#).

1. What does it mean to *live by faith*?
2. What are some obstacles to living by faith?
3. Have you ever thought to yourself *I know I should read my Bible more, or I know I should pray more*? What do beliefs like these reveal about your faith? How do these statements impact your relationship with God?
4. Rather than being motivated by guilt, shame or fear, how could you live more freely based on God's grace and love?
5. What does it mean to *receive the Holy Spirit*?

6. What are some benefits we have by receiving the Holy Spirit?
See also [John 14:23-31](#); [16:5-15](#).
7. What's been your experience of the Holy Spirit?
8. What does it mean that *the law pronounced a curse on us*?
9. How has Jesus rescued you? What's been your experience of being rescued by Jesus?
10. What truth from [vs. 13-14](#) stirs your heart most today? Spend a few minutes writing out a prayer to God about what you're learning.

Faith never knows where it's being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading. – Oswald Chambers.

Soul Training

Complete this sentence in several ways, then make these statements your prayer to God:

God, I trust you with _____ .

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day 1: [Genesis 17:1-8](#)

Day 4: [Genesis 22:15-18](#)

Day 2: [Acts 2:17-21](#)

Day 5: [Psalm 71:1-6](#)

Day 3: [Acts 2:22-28](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

We'll continue our *Living Free* series on **Galatians** with a message titled GOD'S PROMISE. To prepare read [Galatians 3:15-23](#).

