

Study: Galatians

Text: Galatians 3:1-5

“PAUL’S DEFENCE OF JUSTIFICATION” (Part 1)

**Key Verse: Galatians 3:4** Have ye suffered [*experienced*] so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain.

“*Justification*” is the *act* of God whereby the believing sinner is “declared righteous” solely on the merits of Christ’s righteousness. It is not only “just as if I had never sinned,” but also the fact that God now and forever sees the saint as righteous because as He looks upon the saint, He sees the righteousness of His Son.

I. **You have experienced the work of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1)**

“*O foolish Galatians*” – Paul rebukes these Galatian saints not for their lack of knowledge but for their failure to put into \_\_\_\_\_ the truths they know to be true.

Cf. Galatians 1:6-7

Cf. Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:23

**Colossians 3:10** And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of **Him** that created him:

II. **You have experienced the work of the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2-4)**

Next Paul draws appeals to their experience about the Holy Spirit.

**Romans 8:9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the **Spirit**, if so be that the **Spirit** of **God** dwell in you. Now if any man have not the **Spirit** of **Christ**, he is none of **His**.

A. **How did you \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit? (v. 2)**

B. **Are you \_\_\_\_\_ by your efforts? (v. 3)**

**Colossians 2:6-7** As ye have therefore received **Christ Jesus** the **Lord**, so walk ye in **Him**: **√** Rooted and built up in **Him**, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Cf. Romans 7:18

Cf. Philippians 1:6

**Galatians 5:16** *This* I say then, Walk [*to be constantly occupied with*] in the **Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil [*gratify*] the lust of the flesh.

**Philippians 2:12b-13** ...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.<sup>13</sup> For it is **God** which worketh in you both to will [*desire*] and to do [*the power*] of **His** good pleasure [*perfect will*].

C. **Does your experience count for \_\_\_\_\_? (v. 4)**

The word “*suffered*” can also be translated \_\_\_\_\_.

With these questions, Paul challenges his readers to THINK—think about what you know to be true about Christ. Think about what you know about your salvation experience.

III. **You have experienced the work of the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5)**

Cf. John 14:26; Acts 1:4

**What is my next step?**

(*Put off*) What must I put off that is both hinder my walk with Christ or someone else’s?

(*Renew your mind*) What qualities or Words of Christ must I meditate upon?

(*Put on*) What qualities of Christ must I seek to have as a characteristic of my life?

## What Is My Next Step?

**Hearing** — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it – James 1:21-25  
**Doing** — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ – Eph. 4:22-24

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1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (***Put OFF***)
  
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (***Renew***)
  - a. What is He like?
  - b. What does He like?
  - c. What does He dislike?
  
3. What does God say to me in this text? (***Renew***)
  - a. What command to obey?
  - b. What promise to claim?
  - c. What principle to apply (*If I do \_\_\_\_\_, then God will do \_\_\_\_\_*)?
  
  - d. What example to follow?
  
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (***Renew***)
  
5. In light of what I have heard from God,... (***Put ON***)
  - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
  - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
  - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)

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## Sermon Notes

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