

Justification by Faith

Galatians 3:1-9

The greatest gift that God has afforded man has created some of the greatest controversies in the religious world. God offers fallen man forgiveness through His Son but man refuses to bow down to God's plan which brings salvation to his otherwise damned soul. Once again, Paul raises the great defense for the Gospel, which is the finished work of Christ on the cross for man's salvation. Nothing must ever be subtracted or added to the finished work of Christ on the cross. Liturgies of all sorts are avenues by which man is seeking to appease the God of heaven, who has already informed man of the requirement for his salvation

The Galatians, as seen in 3:1, had been so easily seduced and led to embrace an other gospel. Cults always attack Jesus' deity, which, if not true annuls the plan of salvation. The Galatians felt that the law must be observed in order to have salvation. Christ had been well pictured as the Crucified One. Christ is well declared to be the God of the Old and New Testaments. It is diabolical to turn from this gospel, which the Galatians were doing. Subjecting anyone to works for their salvation is the rejection of grace by which salvation is attained. The Galatians are at the cross-road to being spiritual fatalities as they seek to reach up to God through their self-righteousness in a defiled world while God has already brought it down from His holiness in heaven.

No man has peace with God, but through the Prince of peace, who they are rejecting by embracing the need of observing the law. It is impossible to have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit of God by the works of the law (3:2). How rich is the thought in Rom. 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." Is it not conclusive that the Spirit of God is the Spirit of Christ as seen in this verse? The Holy Spirit of God brings conviction (John 16:8). The Holy Spirit is the agent of the new birth (John 3:5-7). The Holy Spirit of God baptizes the believer into the body of Christ (I Cor. 12:13). The Holy Spirit seals the believer into the body of Christ (Eph.1:13). May I add that there are not enough demons in hell and men on earth to

break that seal. Man is admonished by the Holy Spirit to walk as he ought (Gal. 5: 16). Man is commanded by God to be filled with the Holy Spirit of God (Eph. 5:18). On this matter, the church may well be living in despair, sin and unfruitfulness, which is the sin of the century due to the lack of Holy Spirit fullness. The church has been, position ally, empowered to bring the gospel to the world (Acts1:8) but are failing miserably due to the lack of Holy Spirit fullness. Sadly, the church is in disarray due to all the above ministry of the Holy Spirit of God not being realized.

In the light of all the above, will we not come in repentance so that the church of the Living God may experience revival that it so desperately requires. How can the church sell so cheaply that which cost so much to attain (3:4, 5)? Let us identify with the faith that Abraham embraced, which was long before the law was given (3:6, 7).
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