

## Galatians 3:1-6

### By Faith or By Works of the Law

1. False teachers were trying to bewitch or lead people away from faith in Christ in the church. The same is happening today. Only faith in Jesus as your Lord saves you.
2. When you trust in Christ as your Lord, the Spirit of God indwells you. This is proof of your salvation. Did you receive the Spirit from doing good works or by trusting Christ? Faith!
3. Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness. When we trust in Christ as our Lord it is credited to us as righteousness.
4. If you trust in your works for salvation, you are cursed for eternity by God. If you trust in Jesus' work on the cross, you are saved for eternity by God.

**Acts 16:31** *And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."*

**Romans 3:22-25** *the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.*

**Romans 10:9-14** *If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. 11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. 13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." 14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?*

Review- **Galatians 2:16**

**Vs 1-** A false prophet is someone who wants to say you have to "do" something to be saved. The Gospel says that we are saved by faith.

**How can we identify a false teacher in church? A false teacher often says you must do something to be saved.**

1. In Galatians, the false teachers were saying that people must be circumcised (follow the Jewish customs) to be saved.
2. Satan said eat of the fruit and you will be like God.
3. Muslims say the pillars of Islam. Islam also says if you are 51% good you will be saved.
4. Hinduism and Buddhism emphasize doing good works.

**Christianity says that God knew we would sin and be in need of a Savior and that we need to have faith in Jesus as our Lord to be saved.**

**2 Peter 2:1 False Prophets and Teachers will be punished by God.**

*But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.*

**Vs 2-5 We are saved by our belief in Jesus as Lord. We are saved by faith. When we are saved by God, He indwells us with His Holy Spirit. This Spirit of God does good works in us and through us. We are not saved by works. But when we are saved by faith, the Spirit is a mark of our salvation and He helps us do good works.**

**DID THE SPIRIT OF GOD COME WHEN PEOPLE TRIED TO FOLLOW THE LAW OR WHEN THEY TRUSTED IN JESUS. LET'S INVESTIGATE.**

**Mark 16:15-20** *And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." 19 So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.*

**Luke 24:46-53** *....and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." 50 And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. 51 While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple blessing God.*

**Acts 1:1-11 The Promise of the Holy Spirit**

*1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." (2<sup>nd</sup> baptism water and Spirit baptism) 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*

## Acts 2:2-47 The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And **divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.** 4 And they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. 7 And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And **how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?** 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, 11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we **hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.**” 12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: 17 “‘And in the last days it shall be, **God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;** 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days **I will pour out my Spirit,** and they shall prophesy. 19 And **I will show wonders in the heavens** above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke 20 the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. 21 And it shall come to pass that **everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**” 22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— 23 **this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.** 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it...

37 Now **when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”** 38 And Peter said to them, “**Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” 41 **So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.**

42 And they devoted themselves to the **apostles' teaching** and the **fellowship, to the breaking of bread** and the **prayers.** 43 And **awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done** through the apostles. 44 And **all who believed were together and had all things in common.** 45 And they were **selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.** 46 And day by day, **attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,** 47 **praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.**