

EBC Women's Study

Lesson 13 Galatians 3:2-5

As you read through Galatians and begin this study, ask God to open your heart. As the Psalmist prayed: "Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law" (Psalm 119:18).

Assignment: In the next week prayerfully read through chapters 1-3. Attempt to answer the following discussion questions from the text only. Don't worry if you cannot find all the answers. We will discuss them next week.

- 1) *Review:* Looking at 3:1, what does Paul call these Galatians and what does he ask them? How is your answer related to what Paul has previously shared in Galatians?

- 2) Read Galatians 3:1-5, How does what Paul shares in 3:2-5 relate to his question in vs. 1?

- 3) List the questions Paul shares in vs 2-5. Note each question has an implied answer to prove a point. Why do you think Paul stating these questions from vs 2-5 in this way (see 3:1) and what other passages from Galatians support this?

- 4) How does Paul start verse 3:2? Why would he start it this way? What is the question he is asking and what is being compared and why?

- 5) When Paul refers to "works of the Law" in Gal 3:2 in relationship to the Galatians, what "works of the Law" are those who are bewitching them telling the Galatians that they are to do? (See Gal 4:9-11, 5:7-8, 6:12)

- 6) In 3:2 Paul asks the rhetorical question "Did you receive the Spirit by works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?" From the following, how and when do we receive the Spirit?
 - a) Acts 15:7-9

 - b) Ephesians 1:13-14

 - c) Romans 10:14-17

- 7) How is the Spirit related to hearing the Word with faith in salvation and sanctification?
 - a) Gal. 3:5

 - b) Acts 15:7-9

 - c) Ephesians 1:13-14

 - d) Romans 10:17

 - e) 2Thes. 2:13

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- 8) Thinking about your salvation, did you receive the Spirit by works of the Law or by hearing with faith in Christ? Concerning your sanctification, are you being sanctified by the Spirit through hearing the Word with faith in Christ or have you been bewitched?

- 9) Looking at Gal. 3:3; What does he call the Galatians again and what are Paul's questions in vs 3? Why do you think Paul is being so strong here? What is he concerned about?

- 10) In context, what is Paul referring to with the terms "begun" and "perfected" in vs 3? With your answers in mind what is Paul's point in vs 3?

- 11) What is Paul referring to in his question in vs 4? (The following may help 1Thes. 1:6, 3:14-16, Matt. 10:34-36, Hebrews 10:32-35)

- 12) When God allows suffering for following Christ, what verses that come to mind that encourage you and what verses can you encourage a new believer with when God allows suffering in their life for becoming a believer?

- 13) What does Paul mean by his second question in vs. 4? (See Gal. 4:10-11, 5:2-5, Hebrews 6:4-9 2Cor. 13:5)

- Side Note:* Although the working of miracles is not the main point of what Paul says in vs.5, we must ask the question does God still work miracles among the church? (Hint, look at the purpose in Acts 2:22, 2Cor. 12:12, Hebrews 2:2-4)
- 14) What does Paul say God ("He") does among these Galatian believers? What is Paul's point in his concluding question in 3:5?

- 15) What is Paul's main point in 5? How does this relate to what you have learned so far in this lesson (especially. 3:2)?

- 16) Although we are not in a position to be tempted by Jewish religious deceivers such as those who were bewitching these Galatians at that time, yet the inspired truth in this book applies to us now. With this in mind, what threats might we face to our sanctification? That is, what might we be tempted to do or trust in rather than God's Spirit working through His Word as we believe it and trust Jesus?