

By Faith We Are Justified!

Part 1

Galatians 3:1-5

Introduction

1. Two questions
 - A. How do we know God will justify us?
 - B. How do we know God will accept us and give us eternal life?
- *Every person wrestles with these questions.*
- *They're not just theological, they're personal, eternal, and urgent.*

The Heart of Galatians (Gal. 3:1-4:7).

1. **Paul lays out a foundational truth that echoes through all of Scripture.**

We are justified by faith not by works.

2. These truths answer the deepest questions.
 - A. Faith gives acceptance, belonging, eternal hope.

God's Holiness vs. Man's Efforts

Jesus: The Bridge Between God & Man.

1. Jesus fully God & fully man.
2. This is not just theology – it's man's rescue.

To the Skeptic and the Seeker.

1. How do we prove this to the critical thinker, the skeptic, the one who defies God?

Biblical Truth #1 – Personal Experience.

Salvation is not achieved by human effort but received by trusting in the Spirit's work. (Vs. 1-2)

Threefold work of the Holy Spirit (John 16:7-11)

1. ***To convict the world of***
 - A. ***Sin***
 - B. ***God's righteousness***
 - C. ***Show the coming judgement of God.***

Principle: Always examine Scripture for yourself to confirm that what's being taught aligns with God's Word.

Spiritual complacency leads us away from God's truth.

Spiritual growth comes by faith (Vs. 3).

1. Nowhere in the Word of God does it teach us works develops spiritual growth.
 - A. ***Three scriptural examples***
 - 1) ***Romans 11:6 – if it works then grace is of no effect.***
 - 2) ***Ephesians 2:8-9 – salvation is by faith, works will never accomplish salvation.***
 - 3) ***Hebrews 11:6 – without faith we will never please God.***

Three steps to spiritual growth.

1. ***Growth begins by hearing & obeying God's Word.***
2. ***Practicing daily discipline in His Word and ways.***
3. ***We develop maturity through daily self-denial & surrender.***

Results of Spiritual growth.

1. ***We learn stand firm against the enemy's schemes (2 Cor. 10:5).***
2. ***Our life begins to reflect the image and character of Christ (Col. 3:10, Rom. 8:29).***
3. ***Our eyes stay fixed on heaven, where our true citizenship lies. (Phil. 3:20-21).***

Have you ever witnessed the law producing anything that compares to what the Spirit has accomplished in your life? (Vs. 5)