**Series = “No Compromise” Series out of Galatians**

**Message – Why the Holy Spirit Matters Pt. 6 (Gal. 3:1-9)**

Scripture reading: Genesis 12:1-3

**In Galatians 1:6 -7** Paul made the following statement directly to his Galatian audiences:

6  I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7  which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. -- **Galatians 1:6-7 (NKJV)**

**In Galatians 3 He now turns full attention to them as a called out people of God – He turns from speaking to them about historical encounters of the effects of the False Gospel to How it he was seeing this false gospel affecting their lives as well.**

1. We already have seen how it **caused hypocrisy**
2. How **it watered down power of the sacrifice of Christ**
3. How it **diluted the message of liberation** from bondage and sin
4. How it **freed up the believer** to serve God
5. How it moved them away **from faith to unbelief and dead works**

**Moving away from the truth that salvation is found by expressing faith in Christ and the work He accomplished for us would result in:**

1. The **loss of the Power** of Christ working in our lives
2. The **loss of true peace** – where there is confusion there is no peace
3. **Bringing back the shackles** of bondage that previously weighed us down bringing uncertainty as to our eternal future
4. The **lack of certainty in prayer** – If Christ be removed and works replace Him who then do we trust?
5. **False Hope – If we could not save ourselves by works before knowing Christ how could we propagate the growth by the same dead works?**

**With Reference to Spiritual growth, perhaps there is nothing that hurts a Pastor, teacher, or evangelist more than to see true believers falling away from truth and into error.**

**In the case of the churches of Galatia - It could be likened to the alluring affections we have for our lost relatives.**

**Love is strong and the phrase, “blood is thicker than water” is a good example of the following deceptive enticement. – We often struggle with our faith in front of family members because we do not want them to ridicule or hate on us because of our faith.**

**In Galatia the same held true spiritually. Synagogues dotted the landscape and it was here that most of them came to believe in Jesus as the Apostle Paul would use them to persuade the assembly’s concerning Christ. –Many believed – But when crunch time came then what?**

Christianity was starting to be widely accepted but letting go of the roots of Judaism’s system of works was tough. It had been their lifestyle for decades and centuries.

But there was **one thing that stood out** and **served to be the witness** that Christianity stood on its own. **That was the receiving of the Holy Spirit**

The Baptism and indwelling of the Holy Spirit was **the Key difference between one who lived a life of FAITH as opposed to one of dead shackling WORKS.**

In our passage today Paul addresses this question **Faith**, **Dead Works**, and the **Role of the Holy Spirit.**

His **underlying reason is that the “truth of the gospel” must stay the “truth of the gospel.”**

**Galatians 3:1-9**

Key points –

1. Christ had been clearly preached – from **His birth**, to **His life**, to **His death** and to **His resurrection** **and Ascension** – Anything that deviates from this is NOT the gospel and will NOT result in either Eternal Life or an Abundant life filled with God’s peace and living hope. **3:1**
2. A life of good works or **keeping specific laws were not sacramental in building one up to receive eternal life** – On the contrary eternal life come’s through believing in Christ Crucified and the immediate baptism of the Spirit of God **3:2**
3. If by faith one entered into the Christian life then it stands to reason that living by faith is what would get you to heaven **3:3**
4. **The suffering and separation a Christian experiences: is it because of the good works you do? 3:4**
5. **Living by a set of rules was not what caused the Power of the Spirit** to work miracles it was faith **3:5**
6. Faith preceded the law by 400 + years – When it came to salvation God had not changed **3:6**
7. A **true Son of Abraham** was one who was **a child of the covenant God** made with Abraham **3:7**
8. **God’s foreknowledge** which spoke of the gospel going into all the world was contained in the Abrahamic Covenant **3:8-9**

**In Conclusion:**

* Do not allow anyone to steal your peace
* Do not allow false thinking during trial or struggle to steer you into unbelief
* Remember you have all the Power of Heaven working with you and in you
* Remember Christ promised to never leave you or forsake you.
* Trust in His promises by faith
* Read Hebrews 11