

PAUL'S THOROUGH DEFENSE OF SALVATION BY FAITH

Galatians 3-5



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- To begin with today, let's stop and clarify a few things before we get into Paul's writings to the Galatians.**
- It is important for us to recognize and understand some terminology and phraseology in the Scriptures that will help us identify related subjects.**

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- For ex., when we talk about the Works of the Law this is really a reference to the old system i.e. the Old Testament, Old Law, Book of the Law (3:10), the law (3:11)**
- And thus, the hearing of faith is the new system. It is the same as Paul saying, the New Testament, new covenant or faith (11).
These concepts can be used interchangeably.**

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- Paul was deeply invested in the Galatian congregations: physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
- This is obvious as you read the strong impassioned language he uses throughout the epistle.
- But why? What made this situation different from the situation in Rome? Paul also wrote extensively about the works of the law vs. faith in that epistle.

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- To begin with, because he and Barnabas were the ones who preached the gospel, converted the listeners, and planted the Lord's church in this area on their 1st missionary journey.**
- Next, because they were persecuted severely in Galatia because of their efforts in the gospel.**
- Third, because they set up the leadership in these congregations. (Acts 14)**

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- In addition to this, the message in his preaching had been dismissed.**
- His apostleship had been called into question.**
- The churches he had planted were being corrupted.**
- Souls were being compromised.**
- THIS WAS DEEPLY PERSONAL!!!!**

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- Twice in chapter 3, Paul calls them foolish for being influenced by the Judaizing Christians bent on maintaining the rituals of the O.T.**
- That being the case, Paul is going to use every argument and literary device at his disposal to prove salvation by faith apart from the works of the law and by association specifically, circumcision.**

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- *Paul draws upon.....to prove salvation by faith.*
- **THEIR EXPERIENCES-** Gal. 3:4-5
- **SIMILE-** Gal. 3:6
- **SCRIPTURE-** Gal. 3:7-8
- **PROPHECY-** Gal. 3:8-9, 16, 4:4
- **SYMBOLISM-** Gal. 3:10-14

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- *Paul draws upon.....to prove salvation by faith.*
- **COVENANT- Gal. 3:15-18**
- **THEIR CONVERSION- Gal. 3:25-29**
- **HISTORICAL PARADIGM- Gal. 4:1-7**
- **ALLEGORY- Gal. 4:21-31**
- **DOCTRINE- Gal. 5:1-6**

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- *Paul draws upon.....to prove salvation by faith.*
- **PRACTICALITY-** Gal. 5:7 (3:1-4 & 4:13-15)
- **LOGIC-** Gal. 5:10-11
- **HYPERBOLE-** Gal. 5:12
 - **Ouch!** that's strong language there.

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- **CONCLUSION:**

- Paul puts to rest the idea of salvation through the Law.
- Salvation comes through the system of faith.

- **Want you put your faith in Christ today?**