

**The Foolishness of Works**

Gal. 3:1-14

**1. Faith in Jesus alone has \_\_\_\_\_ . (vv. 1-5)**

There are four clear rhetorical questions that Paul asks of the Galatians:

- Did you receive the \_\_\_\_\_ by the works of the Law or by faith in Jesus? (v. 2)
- Having been saved by faith, are you now being \_\_\_\_\_ by the works of the Law? (v. 3)
- Did you endure \_\_\_\_\_ for the Law or for your faith in Christ? (v. 4)
- Did you see \_\_\_\_\_ by the works of the Law or through your faith in Christ? (v. 5)

So Paul makes a strong argument, from their own \_\_\_\_\_, that the power of God was active in their lives because of their faith in Jesus Christ.

Our own \_\_\_\_\_, our own testimony of the power of God, will be listened to eagerly by those who would not listen to a sermon or a Bible verse.

**2. Faith in Jesus alone is \_\_\_\_\_ . (vv. 6-12)**

Now Paul appeals to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Old Testament scriptures to convince the Galatians that they are wrong to trust in the Law.

So Paul has made an air-tight, \_\_\_\_\_ case that the Law cannot possibly save, but instead is a curse.

Paul has given us a great example in \_\_\_\_\_ here.

**3. Faith in Jesus alone turns a curse into a \_\_\_\_\_ . (vv. 13-14)**

What is a curse? It is not just a spoken word, it is a \_\_\_\_\_ and a punishment all in one.

And likewise, a blessing is not just a \_\_\_\_\_, it is full acceptance and good will.

Jesus actually became \_\_\_\_\_, though He was God Himself, by hanging on the cross and taking our sins upon Himself.

And He made available the full \_\_\_\_\_ of God, if only we will believe in Him.

**Calvary Connection Group**  
Discussion Questions for the week of Mar. 17, 2019

**Getting to Know Me**

- Baseball, football, basketball, hockey, soccer, golf, cycling, bowling, etc. Which is your favorite sport to watch? To participate in? Why?
- What is a childhood fear that still nags you from time to time?

**Into the Bible**

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Read John 3:13-21. Jesus here told Nicodemus exactly what being born again means. Are we born again by keeping the Law? Since the death of Jesus, are we doomed to hell because we didn't keep the Law? Why, precisely, is anyone condemned to hell?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Romans 4 is an expansion of the teaching about Abraham in Gal. 3:6-9, 14. Read Romans 4, and especially vv. 18-25. What, specifically, did Abraham believe that resulted in God crediting him with righteousness? What, specifically, must we believe that will result in our being credited with righteousness?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What does it mean to us today that God promised to "bless all the families of the earth" through Abraham (Gen. 12:3)? How does this encourage you about God's commitment to keep His promises?

**Application**

- Have you ever had a conversation with Mormon missionaries? If so, did they encourage you to seek confirmation of the truth from "the burning in the bosom?" What's wrong with this kind of approach in witnessing about Christ? What is the right way to confirm the truth? How does our personal testimony and our experiences fit with this?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What promise of God in His Word are you most thankful for in your life?