



Foolish, Bewitched Christians

Galatians 3:1-9

- 1) Salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone
 - (a) It grants believers the Holy Spirit (3:2; cf. Acts 13:52)
 - (b) It brings persecution (3:4; cf. Acts 13:50; 14:5, 19, 22)
 - (c) Confirmed by miracles (3:5; cf. Acts 14:8-10)
 - (d) Even Abraham was saved by faith (3:6-9; cf. Gen. 15:5-6)
- 2) God's Spirit indwells us when we trust in Christ alone
 - (a) Available because of the Cross (3:1)
 - (b) Fills us through the truth (3:2, 5; cf. Acts 10:45)
 - i) By dwelling richly on Scripture (Eph. 5:18; Col. 3:16)
 - ii) Submitting to God and His will (Isa. 66:2)
 - (c) Strengthens us in our sufferings (3:4)
- 3) Bewitched by *grieving and quenching* God's Spirit (Eph. 4:30; 1 Thess. 5:19)
- 4) Suggestions for application
 - (a) Salvation is God's free gift; don't try to earn it
 - (b) Legalism will bewitch you; don't fall under its spell
 - (c) Backsliding is a waste of your time and life; Scripture prevents it