

## **“O FOOLISH GALATIANS, YOUR EYES ARE NOT ON JESUS CHRIST!” Pt. 1**

(Galatians 3:1-5)

### **I. PAUL DEFENDS HIS AUTHORITY AND THE ORIGINATION OF HIS GOSPEL (Gal. 1 & 2)**

### **II. PAUL DEFENDS JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH (Gal. 3 & 4)**

#### **A. Proven by the Galatian EXPERIENCE (3:1-5)**

1. The Apostle severely \_\_\_\_\_ the Galatian believers by calling them \_\_\_\_\_ . (3:1a)

\* Was Paul intentionally trying to be judgmental and hurt their feelings?

\* Was Paul calling the Galatian believers intellectually stupid?

- a. *Definition of Legalism:* Legalism is the mental attitude that seeks to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ the blessings of God by religious rituals or good \_\_\_\_\_ for either salvation or sanctification.

- b. The Galatians are proof that Bible doctrine alone is \_\_\_\_\_ enough; you must also learn how to \_\_\_\_\_ biblically, based on sound doctrine and exercise spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the process.

(1) Sound doctrine is essential for proper spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ . (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

(2) Sound doctrine is the means of \_\_\_\_\_ . (Eph. 4:11-16)

2. Paul asked the rhetorical question, "Who has \_\_\_\_\_ you, that you should not \_\_\_\_\_ the truth?" (3:1b)

\* What is telling about the singular pronoun "who"?

\* What does the word "bewitched" mean?

3. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ the believers in Galatia that before their eyes, "Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among them as \_\_\_\_\_." (3:1c)

\* What message had Paul preached to them in the past?

a. Legalism naturally directs your attention to \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_ rather than the work of Christ.

b. Legalism shifts your focus to other \_\_\_\_\_, as you \_\_\_\_\_ yourself with them; which usually results in a great deal of external \_\_\_\_\_.

c. Legalistic practices essentially declare that Jesus Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ sufficient.

d. What the Apostle was trying to communicate was that the cross of Christ was not only \_\_\_\_\_ for justification, but it is absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ for living the Christian life as well.

\* Are you susceptible to Galatian-type legalism today?