

### “By the Works of the Law, or By Hearing with Faith?”

**Intro:** With the Galatian church having been led astray by false teachers who were teaching a works-righteousness \_\_\_\_\_, the Apostle Paul wrote in defense of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.

**A.** Paul was no second generation Apostle with a hand-me-down diluted gospel message, but he was an Apostle \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven carrying the \_\_\_\_\_ given Him by Christ the Lord.

**B.** Now, as we come to chapter three, and in defense of the Gospel of Grace, Paul turns from his personal \_\_\_\_\_ to the testimony of the \_\_\_\_\_ themselves.

**I.** In \_\_\_\_\_ the Galatians for straying into error the Apostle Paul identified them as “\_\_\_\_\_” and “bewitched”.

**A.** This is an \_\_\_\_\_ reproof meant to gain the Galatians’ attention and awareness of the awful depth of their \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The Galatians were not simpletons but rather they had \_\_\_\_\_ to employ their mental faculties in a \_\_\_\_\_ manner. William Hendriksen says of the word foolish, “It refers not to bluntness but to a sinful \_\_\_\_\_ to use one’s mental power to the best advantage.”

**B.** To shock them into the \_\_\_\_\_ reality of what they have been giving themselves to Paul said, “You foolish Galatians, who has \_\_\_\_\_ you, ...”

1. In the New Testament usage *bewitched* means “to \_\_\_\_\_ by pretenses \_\_\_\_\_ magic arts ...” (Zod). Paul is not saying “Who cast a magic spell upon you” but “who by such beguiling words has so easily and quickly led you \_\_\_\_\_?”

**II.** Paul began to \_\_\_\_\_ them to Christ and His \_\_\_\_\_ of suffering reminding them of their own testimony: their \_\_\_\_\_ salvation experience.

**A.** Had the Galatians given it a little \_\_\_\_\_ thought they would have known better than to blindly follow the false teaching of works-merited salvation for before their own eyes Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ was publicly portrayed as \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Like a public sign, like the posting of a legal document or a king’s edict, Paul had \_\_\_\_\_ that Christ was once for all crucified.

2. They had \_\_\_\_\_ that Christ was crucified, why He was crucified, and the benefit of His crucifixion toward them. \_\_\_\_\_ could they now mindlessly wander away into error \_\_\_\_\_ the grace of God, portraying Christ as \_\_\_\_\_ crucified?

**III.** Paul then asked this question: verse 2, “This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Law, or \_\_\_\_\_ hearing with \_\_\_\_\_”

