

The Proof of a Believer's Experience

Galatians 03: 01–05

**1 A believer corrects error
(false teaching)**

- a. Because it makes him foolish
- b. Because it deceives him
- c. Because it shows that he is disobedient
- d. Because he has seen Christ so clearly

**2 A believer receives the Spirit by faith,
not by observing the law**

3 A believer grows by faith

4 A believer suffers by faith

**5 A believer experiences
God's miraculous working by faith
and not by observing the law**

1 You foolish Galatians!
Who has bewitched you?
Before your very eyes
Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified.

2 I would like to learn just one thing from you:
Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law,
or by believing what you heard?

3 Are you so foolish?
After beginning with the Spirit,
are you now trying to attain your goal
by human effort?

4 Have you suffered so much for nothing —
if it really was for nothing?

5 Does God give you his Spirit
and work miracles among you
because you observe the law,
or because you believe what you heard?

The Proof of Scripture

Galatians 03: 06–14

1 *Scripture uses Abraham to illustrate the truth*

- a. He believed God —
thus he was judged righteous
- b. Those who are of faith
are the true sons of Abraham

2 *Scripture “announced the gospel in advance to Abraham”*

- a. Scripture foresaw
that God would judge men righteous
through faith
- b. Those who are of faith
are judged righteous with Abraham

3 *Scripture says “the law puts a man under a curse”*

- a. Because a man does not keep
the whole law
- b. Because God’s way is
“to live by faith”
 - 1) The law is not of faith
 - 2) The man of law
will be judged by the law

4 *Scripture says “Christ redeemed us from the curse”*

- a. He was made a curse for us
- b. His purpose:
To open the door of blessing
to all men
 - 1) Blessing of Abraham
 - 2) Blessing of the Spirit

6 Consider Abraham:
“He believed God,
and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

7 Understand, then,
that those who believe
are children of Abraham.

8 The Scripture foresaw
that God would justify the Gentiles by faith,
and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham:
“All nations will be blessed through you.”

9 So those who have faith
are blessed along with Abraham,
the man of faith.

10 All who rely on observing the law are under a curse,
for it is written:
“Cursed is everyone
who does not continue to do
everything written in the Book of the Law.”

11 Clearly no one is justified before God by the law,
because, “The righteous will live by faith.”

12 The law is not based on faith;
on the contrary,
“The man who does these things will live by them.”

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law
by becoming a curse for us,
for it is written:
“Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”

14 He redeemed us
in order that the blessing given to Abraham
might come to the Gentiles
through Christ Jesus,
so that by faith we might receive
the promise of the Spirit.