

Galatians 3 (Part 1) - Study Notes • Paul's Questions to the Galatians

Read **Galatians 3: 1-6** (We only covered verses 1 - 5 Sunday morning.)

- In these verses the Apostle Paul asks a series of questions intended to get the Galatians to ponder and consider the implications and consequences of their decision to add Law-keeping to belief in Jesus Christ.
- Have your group go through and identify those 6 questions.
- When we're being corrected, having questions asked of us can be intimidating and create a defensive response from us. Why do you think that is?
- When in the Bible do you recall God asking questions? What was His purpose?

- **Question 1: Who has bewitched you?**
- As we learned, "bewitched" was a word referring to pagan magic arts, and the word "you" in this verse is singular. So Paul is asking: "What ONE SINGLE PERSON has stolen your mind?" Since we know Paul believed our battle is NOT against flesh and blood (Eph 6:12), who else could he be referring to?
- What does it take for Satan to "bewitch" a born-again believer?
- What can we do to keep from being drawn away from a biblical faith?

- **Question 2: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?**
- This is very similar to question #6.
- What is Paul asking the Galatians to remember?
- Can you ever remember a time in the Bible when God gave His Spirit as a result of obedience to the Law?

- **Question 3 and 4: Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?**
- What does the word "foolish" mean? (Answer: Mentally deficient)
- So what is Paul really asking here?
- What does Paul mean by the phrase, "...perfected in the flesh" ??
- How were the Galatians attempting to be perfected in the flesh?
- How might someone do that today?

- **Question 5: Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?**
- How does a believer "suffer in vain?" (Answer: by turning their back on the One who redeems our suffering and causes it to strengthen and mature us in Christ.)

- What other eternal rewards might be involved?

- **Question 6: Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith?**
- How is this question similar to Question 2?
- What does Paul mean by the phrase "...hearing with faith" ?
- How could someone hear WITHOUT faith?
- What does it mean to be on a performance track with God?
- How would a Christian KNOW for sure if they were or weren't on a performance track?
- What would you tell a Christian who believed they needed to be obedient in order to get God to love them and work in their life?