

Perseverance in the True Gospel
Galatians 3:1-5

It is easy for believers to be enticed by false gospels, which cast a spell on them and cause them to lose focus on the true gospel. Paul is telling us to remember how we started in the Christian life by faith through the reality of the crucifixion of Christ. We must remember that God works in our lives to mold us to his image, not through our works, but through our faith in him.

Main Idea: We must continually remind ourselves of the true gospel.

- I. Don't get drawn away from the true gospel (v. 1-2)
 - A. Who has _____ you?
 - i. Who has caused you to turn from what is clearly right to something that is clearly wrong?
 - ii. It is easy for us to get distracted by faith gospels
 - iii. What causes us to be easily distracted by false gospels?
 - B. We have received the Spirit by _____.
 - i. Romans 10:16-17
 - ii. How is faith received?
- II. Continue by faith (v. 3-4)
 - A. Continue as you _____.
 - i. We are foolish by wanting to divert to a different method.
 - ii. Our flesh is flawed and will mess everything up.
 - iii. Paul is referring to the reliance on the old Adam.
 - iv. The Judaizer's issue was how to get into the people of God, but Paul's argument was how to stay in the people of God.
 - v. 1 Peter 3:15 – perseverance of saints
 - B. You have suffered in _____.
 - i. They were facing persecution, but they had left the true gospel.
 - ii. They were suffering for no reason.
 - iii. Paul is calling them to come back to the true faith.
- III. Watch God work in your life through your faith (v. 5)
 - A. God will bring about sanctification through your _____.
 - i. Positional Sanctification
 1. 1 Cor 6:9-11 – positional
 2. Rom 15:16; Heb 10:10; 13:13

- B. God will produce spiritual fruits in your life through your _____.
- i. Progressive Sanctification
 - 1. Gal 2:20; Gal 5:16-25; 2 Cor 3:18; Rom 6; Eph 4:22-24