



Galatians: How Do You Begin? - Galatians 3:1-9

Suggested Memory Verse: Colossians 2:6-7 “Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

1. Galatians 3:3 asks, “Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?” Where are you most tempted to rely on your own effort instead of continuing to depend on God’s grace?
2. Think through some of the examples from the message: *“I had a bad week, God must be disappointed,” “I served, God must be pleased,” “Life is hard, God must be punishing me.”* Which version of performance-based thinking are you most prone to?
3. Romans 4:9-11 reminds us that Abraham was counted righteous before he was circumcised. Why is it so difficult for us to simply receive God’s acceptance rather than feel like we need to earn or maintain it?
4. The message said, “The root produces the fruit. The fruit doesn’t produce the root.” What spiritual discipline or good work are you most likely to turn into a measurement of your standing with God?
5. Galatians 3:6 says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” What situation in your life right now requires you to trust what God has said rather than trying to control the outcome yourself?
6. We looked at people like Martha, the older brother in Luke 15, the Pharisee in Luke 18, and even Peter, who began acting as though performance mattered more than grace. What does “outgrowing the gospel” look like in your own life?
7. Colossians 2:6 says, “Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.” What would it look like practically this week for you to continue the Christian life the same way you began it: by grace, through faith, depending on Christ?