

How Grace Works through Faith – Galatians 3:1-14

Intro: There is a great difference between the “sleight of hand” and the “sleight of tongue.” One captivates us. One captures us. Sleight of tongue keeps people from seeing how grace works through faith.

I. We Are Provided with the _____ – 3:1-6

A. Through _____ – 3:2 (See also Acts 2:38, 8:15, 9:17, 10:45)

B. For _____ – 3:3

C. For _____ – 3:4-6

John 14:16-17 – “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth...He dwells with you and will be in you.”

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to give us life, to indwell us, to guide us, and to fill us with His power.

Illustrate: It does a millionaire no good if he never withdraws from his financial account.

II. We are Promised _____ – 3:7-9

A. _____ was blessed because he believed God.

B. We are _____ if like Abraham we believe God.

Our blessings are insured because they are attached to God’s faithfulness, including protection from the law and its curse.

III. We are _____ from the Law – 3:10-14

A. _____ in the Law – 3:10

B. _____ in the Law– 3:11-12

C. _____ in the Law – 3:13

Conclusion: Grandparents always gave a dollar out of love.

Galatians 3:14 – This is the Gospel story. God loves you and through grace, another has done for you what you could not do for yourself.

Small Group Questions

1. If you could learn the secret to any magician's trick, which one would it be?
2. Read Galatians 3:1 – Being fooled by sleight of hand is harmless. What does Paul say about being fooled by “sleight of tongue?”
3. Read Galatians 3:2-5. What is the only way to receive the Holy Spirit and to grow in the Christian life?
4. Read John 14:6-7. What promise did Jesus make? Why was this so important for the disciples to hear?
5. What does the Holy Spirit do according to these verses: Titus 3:5; 1 Corinthians 3:16; John 16:13; Ephesians 5:18.
6. Read Galatians 3:6-9. How did God's promise highlight both the need for faith and the blessings that come from faith?
7. Read Galatians 3:10-12. Who is under the curse of the law? Why? How do those who are just (right before God) live, by faith or by law?
8. Read Galatians 3:13-14 – What does a person need to believe concerning Jesus in order to be protected from the curse of the law?
9. How is God challenging you to think differently? What is a key lesson from this study to apply to your life?