

One Anothering: Growing



Galatians 2:20-3:5



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20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the [life] which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. 21 "I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness [comes] through the Law, then Christ died needlessly."

3:1 You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly



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portrayed [as] crucified? 2 This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? 4 Did you suffer so many things in vain — if indeed it was in vain? 5 So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?

How do we grow?

- It is something we all did/do...
- Not something we think about!
- Physical, mental, social - spiritual?
- Exercise, “feeding”, practice...
- God’s way is a bit different...

The Cross

- Jesus had taught on this
- We make it “mystical” - reality in Rome!
- Trying to “keep alive” something...
- “find it within ourselves”
- “wake something up?”
- Die, and be alive **IN HIM**

Contradiction

- Die to live? repentance...
- This is the difference Jesus makes
- God's grace flows through us
- Foolish Galatians...
 - Looking for 'easy living' instead of faith

Receive the Spirit

- Law, method, program, “bewitched!”
- Spirit comes with relationship of faith
 - miracles, signs, wonders, life!
 - we cannot manipulate or replace this
 - Begin in the Spirit! perfected by flesh?

His Provision

- God gives the Spirit - our advantage
- Relational reception = faith
- “loved me and gave Himself up for me”
- The giving God...



God Gives

Luke 11: 11 "Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? 12 "Or [if] he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? 13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will [your] heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?" (see Mt 7:9-11)

Growing

- Being in Christ is the only way
 - die, dead; rise, living!!!
 - baptized in both - Rom 6: 3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might **walk in newness of life.**