

# THE EPISTLE *of* PAUL THE APOSTLE to THE GALATIANS

## CHAPTER 3:1-5

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“THE BELIEVER’S EXPERIENCE”

THE THEME OF BOOK:

IS IN FACT A QUESTION:

HOW CAN WE (WHO ARE SINFUL BY NATURE) , COME TO GOD (WHO IS  
HOLY BY NATURE)

WHEN MY SINS HAVE SEPARATED ME FROM GOD AND EVEN DOMINATE MY  
LIFE?

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Apologetics, Truth, Deception

**INTRODUCTION**

*to the text*

*Galatians 3:1-5*

### **The Summation Sentence**

The Christian experience has affected the world ever since the birth of Jesus Christ. The teachings, the witness, the actions of those who had given themselves over to that personal relationship with God have left the world a far different place than they had found it.

# The Spreading of the Gospel Reached out into a pagan world with power!

Message of;  
Love, Forgiveness, Peace, Eternal Life = Living Now!

## "I Am Amazed"

God has entrusted us with His message of grace. That was and continues to be an amazing thing to me. Because we are finite creatures. We are flawed and imperfect. Yet this is exactly the medium by which God has chosen to communicate His message of infinite grace and love!

### 2 Corinthians 4:5-7

For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

There is a real danger that arises when you fail to understanding the Grace of God.

## THE BELIEVER'S EXPERIENCE

### 1.) *Experiencing the Lord Jesus Christ*

vv. 1

O **foolish** Galatians! Who has **bewitched** you that you should **not obey** the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly **portrayed** among you as crucified?

# THE BELIEVER'S EXPERIENCE

## *Experiencing the Lord Jesus Christ*

**a.) We've experienced a mind change v.1a**

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you?

**O foolish**

\* 453 anoetos (an-o'-ay-tos);  
mentally lazy. willingly dull or sloppy at thinking. Becoming careless or reckless with your mind (thoughts and emotions)

**Can Also Mean**  
**Having the Wrong Attitude of Heart or Mind**

Hebrews 5:11-12

of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. 12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

1 Timothy 4:7-8

But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. 8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having

**Who has bewitched you**

baskaino (bas-kah'-ee-no);  
to cast as it were a spell upon you. To cloud what you once new so well

2 Timothy 4:3

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

**Their Emotions were Being Vandalized**  
Earthly Feelings and Natural thoughts Began to Rule

# THE BELIEVER'S EXPERIENCE

## *Experiencing the Lord Jesus Christ*

**b.) We've experienced a heart change**

**v.1b**

that you should **not obey** the truth,

Ephesians 4:22-24

22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Colossians 3:10-11

10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

## Our Minds Need to Be Renewed – But Our Hearts are Altogether New

Ezekiel 18:31

"Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit.

THAT IS THE MOMENT OF CONVERSION

Once a Person Chooses to Live for Christ  
There's an Obedience Key That's turned

# THE BELIEVER'S EXPERIENCE

## *Experiencing the Lord Jesus Christ*

**c.) We've experienced a life change**

**v.1c**

before whose eyes Jesus Christ  
was clearly **portrayed** among you as crucified?

\* **portrayed** 4270 prographo (prog-raf'-o);  
publically displayed with information and color. To make a graphic  
presentation unmistakable

Paul Preached with Every  
Ounce of His Person

Paul was a Graphic / Public Poster for Jesus Christ

was clearly portrayed among you as **crucified**?

**" Crucified "**

*Is in a perfect passive particle*  
That The Cross Happened in History Once, But  
The Power of the Cross Marches On without  
Diminishing Strength

## THE BELIEVER'S EXPERIENCE

### **2.) *Experiencing the person of the Holy Spirit* vv. 2-4**

This only I want to learn from you: Did you **receive the Spirit by the works** of the law,  
or **by the hearing of faith**? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you  
now being made perfect by the flesh? 4 Have you suffered so many things in vain-- if  
indeed it was in vain?

### **a.) *He must be received* v.2**

This only I want to learn from you:  
Did you **receive the Spirit by the works** of the law,  
or **by the hearing of faith**?

# THE BELIEVER'S EXPERIENCE

## *Experiencing the person Holy Spirit*

**b.) *He must be trusted***

**v.3**

Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit,  
are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

**c.) *He must be experienced***

**v.4**

Have you **suffered** so many things in vain - -  
if indeed it was in vain?

**S u f f e r   H e r e   M e a n s   –  
E x p e r i e n c e !**

\*suffered      grk    3958   pascho (pas'-kho);  
to experience great passion, emotion and meaning

**Rather Than Talk About Him – *You're  
to Experience Him !***

**The Dynamic of the church – is the person of the Holy Spirit**

**He must be experienced**  
**We must place ourselves in His way**

Ephesians 3:20

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think,  
according to the power that works in us,

# THE BELIEVER'S EXPERIENCE

## 3.) *Experiencing the love of the Father*

vv. 5

Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?--

### a.) *His love came to us without merit*

v.5a

Therefore He...

## Therefore

Jeremiah 31:3

The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

That Was - Was a Barbaric World

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

# THE BELIEVER'S EXPERIENCE

## *Experiencing the love of the Father*

### b.) *His care for us is beyond measure*

v.5b

He who supplies..

\*suffered

grk 2023 epichoregeo (ep-ee-khor-ayg-eh'-o);  
to provide, grant

Romans 8:32

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

1 Peter 5:6-7

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Isaiah 40:10-11

10 Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. 11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.

Matthew 6:25-32

"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 "Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? 28 "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 "and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.... 30 "Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

Psalms 121:1-5

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip-- he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 5 The LORD watches over you-- the LORD is

## **THE BELIEVER'S EXPERIENCE**

### ***Experiencing the love of the Father***

***c.) His strength is for us today***

**v.5c**

does He (God) do it (give you the power) by the works of the law,  
or by the hearing of faith?--



**The Christian and the Christian Church  
Should be marked by the love of God and  
miracles of the Holy Spirit**

Galaians 3:5 TLB

"I ask you again, does God give you the power of the Holy Spirit and the work miracles among you - - as a result of effort to obey the Jewish law? No, of course not. (the power of the Holy Spirit and the work miracles is when you believe in Christ and fully trust him.)

Before Jesus Ascended Back to Heaven He  
saw to it That His Followers Experienced  
the New Birth - Being Born Again.  
(A Positional Fact)

John 20:21-22

21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also  
send you."  
22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the  
Holy Spirit.

**The Next Thing He did was to send  
the Holy Spirit Upon the Believers  
for Power, Victory and Service**

Acts 1:8

8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you  
shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of  
the earth."

# **And One of the Proofs of Experiencing God is Power of God!**

Acts 4:31

31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

**The Church Must Teach on The Holy Spirit.  
There Must Be Time and Place Given to the  
Gifts and Works of the Holy Spirit**

**The After Glo  
(alot of churches are open to the after, but their  
deathly afraid of the glo)**