

Have a smarter faith

¹O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified.

²I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law, or by hearing with faith?

³Are you so foolish? After starting in the Spirit, are you now finishing in the flesh?

⁴Have you suffered so much for nothing, if it really was for nothing? ⁵Does God lavish His Spirit on you, and work power among you, because you practice the Law, or because you hear and believe?

⁶So also, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

⁷Understand, then, that those who have faith are sons of Abraham. ⁸The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and foretold the Gospel to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." ⁹So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Galatians 3:1-9

Smart faith has smart 3:1-2

How God reached 1
God was in Christ, reconciling... 2 Cor. 5:19
Christ, who knew no sin... 2 Cor. 5:21

How I reach 2
All that the Father gives Me... John 6:37
Come unto Me all you... Matthew 11:28-29

Smart faith has smart 3:3-5

God gave me His Spirit. 3
Repent... and receive... Acts 2:38
Your body is a temple, 1 Cor. 6:19

God me with His Spirit. 5
Be 'being filled' Ephesians 5:18
...fill you with all joy... Romans 15:13

Smart faith has smart 3:6-9

Blessing is in 6
You should ask God, James 1:2-5, 17

Blessing is in 9
God has blessed... through faith, Gal.3:14

My prayer priorities for this week

- S 4 Jim C. Lerida C.
- M 5 Robert & Dianne
- T 6 Lurline & Terry
- W 7 Mary F.
- T 8 Rosalie & Jim D
- F 9 Ian & Eleanor
- S 10 Barry & Marion
- S 11 Marina G

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. The world often thinks Christians are not smart because we have faith. Why do they think faith is not smart?
2. It is foolish to reject/neglect the crucifixion of Christ as an historic fact (v1). Why did Christ have to be crucified?
3. Read Galatians 3:3. How does the Holy Spirit help start our spiritual walk (John 16:8), and how does He help us through to the end.
4. These ordinary believers were reminded that God works power among them (v5). What are examples of God's power among us?
5. Abraham is our role model. What did he do to get right with God (v6)? What are the implications for us (v7, 9)?
6. Why do you think God blesses those who exercise faith, rather than those who perform good deeds?

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