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Topic: Faith or Works?  
Text: Galatians 3:1-5

1. Do not be bewitched- guard yourself against this temptation. We want to think there is some good in us. What has entered into the Galatian church is a form of Judaism.

2. We must first question where our objectivity is (v1). Being objective, you will test all claims according to Scripture. The Galatian Christians allowed themselves to be drawn away by something that is not the pure, unadulterated gospel of Jesus Christ.

3. Have we received the Spirit? If we have, we can answer these questions (v2). We did not receive the Holy Spirit by pursuing a legalistic observation of God's Word. Only by hearing the Word then can we be saved.

4. Can we mature spiritually by works of the flesh (v3)? No, Christian-like works cannot save! We are made genuinely mature only by obeying God's Word because of the work of the Spirit in our hearts, which causes us to understand Christ's great love for us. Paul questions if they have forgotten why they suffered for the Lord (v4).

5. Wherein is the power (v5)? The transformative power to make us a new creature is only in the hearing of faith. Recall your salvation experience, and remember it. Works are the fruit of our salvation.

*"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9*